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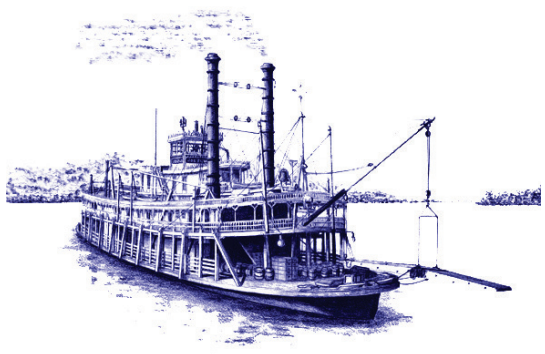

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Steinhardt III to head Madison economic development office

Managing partner, client development manager with RATIO coming home

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney has hired a native Madisonian and managing partner with one of the Indiana's most respected design firms to head the city's economic development program beginning in 2023 after a seven-month vacancy in that position this past year.

Tony Steinhardt III, a managing partner and client development manager with RATIO Design in Indianapolis, is returning to Madison to work for his hometown after 25 years in the corporate design and development.

Tony Steinhardt III

The City of Madison announced Steinhardt's hiring Monday as director of Economic Development and he will be join the city's Office of Economic Development on Jan. 3. The hire fills the vacancy left when Matt Wirth resigned in May to accept a position with Commonwealth Engineers as that firm's Southeastern Indiana business development manager.

A native of Madison, Steinhardt previously worked for the city in the mid-1990s as Special Projects Administrator under Mayor Morris Wooden and was responsible for establishing the city's Redevelopment Commission and TIF Zone — two additions that have been instrumental in Madison's development strategies. In 1996, Steinhardt left to pursue a career with RATIO, where he advanced to the chief marketing officer and managing partner.

"I am excited to be in a position to help the City of Madison grow. After 25 years of growing a top Indiana design firm and helping dozens of communities improve their quality of life through development, I look forward to leveraging those experiences and personal network for Madison," said Steinhardt.

As the city's director of economic development, Steinhardt will work closely with the

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Fall cleanup

Bob Demaree

A work crew was busy recently raking and vacuuming leaves along Central Avenue while a vacuum truck cleared storm drains on Vaughn Drive near Bicentennial Park as the annual fall cleanup continues in Madison. At last check, the city had picked up 131 tons of leaves during the fall season in an operation that is still ongoing. According to the Street Department, there is no set schedule for work crews but residents who have leaves moved to the curb and ready for disposal can call 812-265-8300 and be placed on the list for service.

Meth dealer gets 13-year prison sentence

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

A Madison man has been sentenced to 13 years at Indiana Department of Correction on drug and theft charges stemming from his arrest in 2019.

Skyler Jacob Barnes

Skyler Jacob Barnes, 26, was sentenced in Jefferson Circuit Court by Judge DJ Mote earlier this month after entering a plea agreement in November. Barnes was sentenced to 12 years on an amended charge of Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony, and one year on Auto Theft, a Level 6 felony, with the two sentences to be served consecutively.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Barnes was an active drug dealer in 2019 and also had a practice of stealing valuable items — including appliances and vehicles — that he traded for methamphetamine and then sold the meth. He told officers he paid $400 for an ounce of the drug and re-sold it by packaging it by the gram in baggies and selling each bag for $40.

Barnes told investigators he sold drugs to an average of 10 people daily and that he was unemployed and his source of income for the past several months had been dealing drugs.

"Mr. Barnes was harming the community not only by selling methamphetamine, but also by stealing from innocent people to finance his operation," said Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter.

On Dec. 10, 2019, law enforcement received information that Barnes was dealing meth from a red Ford pickup in Jefferson County. Police discovered Barnes' operator's license was suspended and he had two active arrest warrants.

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Jefferson COVID-19 death toll climbs to 113

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed another life in Jefferson County, according to data reported by the Indiana Department of Health, and the local death toll now stands at 113.

Jefferson County's death count increased by one since last Thursday while cases of COVID-19 in the county increased by 132 over that period to up the overall number of cases to 6,671. Jefferson County's positivity rate stands at 12.8%.

Last week, Jefferson County moved into a "red" advisory level indicating "high community spread" with all but one neighboring Indiana county also in the "red" including Switzerland, Ripley, Jennings, Scott, Dearborn and Ohio counties. Only Clark County remains in the "orange" for moderate to high spread.

Meanwhile, Ripley County has reported three new COVID-related deaths and has now had 98 deaths during the pandemic.

Switzerland County has reported 41 new positive cases of COVID-19 since last Thursday, bringing the overall total to 1,621 during the pandemic. Switzerland's COVID-19 death total remains at 14 and the county's positivity rate is 14.7%.

On Tuesday, Indiana reported 170 new deaths for an overall total of 18,280, and 5,815 positive cases for 1,227,005 during the pandemic. Indiana's positivity rate is 13.8%.

Kentucky reported 23 new deaths, increasing its overall toll to 12,097, and 4,297 new positive cases of COVID-19 for an overall total of 850,632. Kentucky's positivity rate is 12.61%.

The virus death tolls remain the same for Carroll County with 34 and Trimble County with 28. Since last Thursday, Carroll and Trimble counties each had 33 new positive cases of COVID-19 and Carroll's overall total is now 2,335 while Trimble's is 1,514. Both counties remain in the "red" for high spread. Carroll's positivity rate is 14.41% while Trimble's is 26.17%.

New Year's Eve music options abound in Madison

NEW YEAR'S MUSIC LINEUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Central Hotel — Patriotic Karaoke

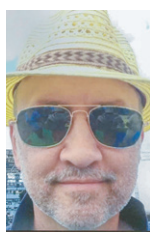
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Central Hotel — Stacey Lynn & The Wildcards
Mad Paddle — Rusty Bladen
Electric Lady — EDM Rave
American Legion — The Faze (open to public)
VFW — Crossfire (open to public)
Red Bicycle Hall — Jimmy Davis Funkadelitastic Review
Rivertown Grill — Fullmoon Rising
Cuzz's Bar (Vevay) — Devil's Backbone, with Darryl Hewitt & Scotty Caudill

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Off-Broadway Taproom — Anthony Ray Wright tribute to Hank Williams

The local live music calendar shows SEVEN New Year's Eve options for music and fun, and all but the VFW are downtown and within easy walking distance of each other. The show at Red Bicycle Hall requires a ticket, and maybe a few of the others, too, but several will be free with no cover charge.



CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

If you like to get in the zone and just let your body move, be sure to check out the electronic dance music event they are calling Kinetic Pulse at the Electric Lady. And Jimmy Davis's funk band at Red Bicycle Hall is sure to be a rump-shaking good time, with a full horn section making some of that Motown magic.

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

Dec. 27, 2021

Makensey Brooke Long, 27, Hanover, on a Clark County felony arrest warrant for Probation Violation. No bond.

Sonia Michelle Slone, 35, on a Jefferson County Failure to Appear arrest warrant for Level 6 felony Theft. No bond.

John Paul Taulbee, 47, Madison, for Theft and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies. Bond $1,000 cash.

David Henry Oliva, 54, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

Dec. 28, 2021

Misty Dawn Allbright, 46, Madison, on a Jefferson County felony arrest warrant for Probation Violation. Bond $5,000 cash.

Robert Mark Keith, 60, Madison, on a Jefferson County felony arrest warrant for Failure to Appear. Bond $2,500 cash.

Dec. 29, 2021

Jonny R. Chambers, 32, Milton, Kentucky, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

Eddie Terrell Gray Jr., 47, Madison, to hold on an arrest warrant for Scott County. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

Dec. 27, 2021

Gerald A. Beamus, 46, Louisville, for Visiting a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substances, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to two days jail with credit for one day served plus $185 fees and court costs. Released for time served without conditions.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Richard Ellis Ball to Richard Ellis Ball and Michael Ellen Ball, 10001+ West 350 South, Lexington.

Megan Voyles to Ray E. Hammersley, Betty A. Hammersley, Ray E. Hammersley Revocable Trust and Betty A. Hammersley Revocable Trust, 633 North 1525 West, Deputy.

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Willie Daniels to Ronnie V. and Amy R. McIntosh, 633 North 1525 West, Deputy.

Gregory S. Smith to Norman X. and Patty Kruzich, 3908 West Deer Bend Drive, Hanover.

Gary L. Short Jr. and Gary Short to Christopher and Jacqueline Nolan, 8048 West Chicken Run Road, Madison.

Christopher Nolan and Jacqueline Nolan to Tia M. Sizemore, 8048 West Chicken Run Road, Madison.

Eston Ray Smith and Barbra Ann Smith to Brent Elliot Smith, Eston Ray Smith and Barbra Ann Smith, 7000+ Majors Road, Hanover.

Holiday closings declared for Jefferson County, Madison, Hanover

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Jefferson County government offices and government offices in the City of Madison and Town of Hanover will close Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year's holiday and reopen on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

The City of Madison Transfer Station will be closed on New Yer's Eve Friday, Dec. 31 and New Year's Day Saturday, Jan. 1 and reopen at normal hours on Monday, Jan. 2.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan 1.

The U.S. Post Office in Madison will be closed Saturday, Jan 1.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 10-11-22-23-25-42 (12/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: $4 million. Next Drawing (12/29)
Daily 3: 0-6-5 SB: 0
Daily 4: 2-8-2-8 SB: 0
Cash Five: 10-17-30-41-42 (12/28)
Cash 4 Life: 13-24-35-49-50
CB: 3 (12/28)

KENTUCKY

Pick 3: 9-7-8 **Pick 4:** 3-9-1-4
Cash Ball: 2-4-6-34 **CB:** 9 (12/28)
Lucky For Life: 4-6-14-33-41
LB: 9 (12/28)

MEGAMILLIONS

3-5-8-31-38 **MB:** 4, **MP:** x3 (12/28). Next Estimated Jackpot: $221 million. Next Drawing (12/31)

POWERBALL

36-38-45-62-64 **PB:** 19 **PP:** x2 (12/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: $441 million. Next Drawing (12/29)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 6-11-23-24-40 **PB:** 9 (12/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (12/29)

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Traffic stop leads to methamphetamine arrest

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison Police arrested a Madison woman and an Ohio man recently on drug charges in unrelated traffic stops initiated due to traffic violations.

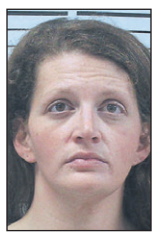
On Saturday, Dec. 25, Patrolman Curtis Shelpman was making a traffic stop due to a speed violation when an open air sniff of the vehicle by a K9 unit alerted for narcotics.

MPD Officer Trent Smith and his K9 partner Colt conducted the investigation and a search of the vehicle by officers located methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The driver of the vehicle, Charlotte Renee Milano, 31, of Madison, was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. She was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail on a $1,500 bond.

Another traffic stop on Monday, Dec. 27 resulted in more drug charges after Patrol Officer Nichole Midgett stopped a vehicle for failure to signal and an open air sniff of the vehicle by Colt gave a positive indication for narcotics. A search of the vehicle by officers located approximately 5.7 grams of methamphetamine.

The driver, David Henry Oliva, 54, of Londonderry, Ohio, was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. He is being held without bond at the Jefferson County Jail.



Charlotte Renee Milano

David Henry Oliva

Elsewhere on Monday, a Madison man and woman were arrested for auto theft and drug charges related to the theft of a vehicle in the 700 block of Jefferson Street.

Madison Officer Cody Lewis began the investigation after the theft was reported, eventually locating the missing vehicle in the 300 block of West Street.

Lewis and Sgt. Seth Melton were able to then locate video from a nearby business that showed two persons connected to the stolen vehicle. Officers located the two individuals, later identified as John Paul Taulbee, 47, and Sonia Michelle Slone, 35, both of Madison.

Sloan and Taulbee were taken into custody on auto theft charges but during the arrest methamphetamine was located on Taulbee and Slone was discovered to have outstanding arrest warrants.

Both were lodged in the Jefferson County Jail — Sloane for Failure to Appear and Theft, a Level 6 felony, and Taulbee for Theft and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies. Slone is being held without bond while Taulbee is being held on a $1,000 cash bond.

John Paul Taulbee

Sonia Michelle Slone

MPD ISSUES SCAM ALERT

Madison Police Department on Sunday was notified of a new scam in the area.

Scammers locate listings for home and apartment rentals in Madison and then repost them with the scammer's contact information. When persons respond to the advertisements, the scammers attempt to collect a payment for an "application fee" or even a security deposit via an online payment application.

"We ask that you use caution when shopping online, and if you find a post that is suspicious please contact the Detectives Division of MPD," a MPD release said.

KSP TROOPER INVOLVED IN CRASH

A Kentucky State Police Trooper from the Campbellsburg Post was involved in a crash while responding to a domestic call in Trimble County early Monday morning.

Trooper Zach Napier was responding to an active domestic violence complaint near Bedford at approximately 2:32 a.m. when he lost control of his patrol car while navigating a turn in wet road conditions. The cruiser lost traction and exited the left shoulder of the roadway and struck multiple trees.

Trimble County EMS responded to the scene and transported Napier to University of Louisville Hospital for treatment of injuries. Napier has since been released from the hospital and is recovering.

OBITUARIES

Paul West

Paul Franklin West, 95, of Hanover, Indiana and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover.

He was born on May 7, 1926, in Covington, Kentucky, to Shirl Edward and Christina Marie Robbins West. He lived in Jefferson County, Indiana, most of his life and graduated from Lexington High School in 1944 in Lexington, Kentucky. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy in Scottsburg, Indiana, during World War II and rose to the rate of Seaman First Class serving aboard the USS Charles E. Brannon (DE-446), USS Formoe and the USS Munro. He was honorably discharged on June 8, 1946, at Great Lakes, Illinois, receiving the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign with one battle star, the American Area Campaign Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one battle star. He married Rose Marie Lichlyter on Aug. 31, 1952, in Jefferson County, and they had two daughters. He retired in 1988 from Indiana Kentucky Electric Corporation after 33 years service in the maintenance department. He was a member of North Madison Baptist Church, the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the Madison VFW Post No. 1969. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, playing the guitar and being with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughters, Jerri M. Marshall of Deputy, Indiana and Judy M. Mitchell of Bargersville, Indiana; his grandchildren, Ricky Mitchell, Tyler Mitchell, Kayla Mitchell and Kendra Archer; and eight great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 68 years on Oct. 28, 2020; and his brothers, Robert G. West and Claude E. West.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, in Hanover. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

A final salute will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home with military honors to follow at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice of Jennings County through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Dale Sprague

Dale Robert Sprague, 66, of Bedford, Kentucky, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, at Baptist Hospital in La Grange, Kentucky.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1955, in Cuyahoga, Ohio, to Richard "Dick" and Virginia Taylor Sprague. He was a graduate of Elyria High School in Elyria, Ohio. He married Joann White on June 25, 1988, in Wellington, Ohio. He worked on the assembly line for Ford Motor Company in Lorraine, Ohio, for 20 years before moving to Bedford in 1997 and continuing to work for Ford at the Ford Motor Company Kentucky truck plant in Louisville until retiring in 2009. Most recently he worked for Lawson's Family Restaurant in Campbellsburg, Kentucky. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in La Grange where he taught a Sunday School class. He was a former volunteer firefighter in Sullivan, Ohio, and enjoyed roller skating, biking and making Bible covers for friends. He held a black belt in American Kenpo Karate.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years of Bedford; a daughter, Kristin Sprague-Leonard of Bedford; a son Timothy Sprague of Port Royal, Kentucky; a brother, Jeffrey Sprague of Elyria; a niece and nephew whom he raised, Kaylanie and Sebastian Walter, both of Bedford; and three grandchildren and other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

All funeral services will be private for family only and there will be no public visitation. Interment will be in the Remnant Baptist Church Cemetery in Owenton, Kentucky. Arrangements entrusted to Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or Remnant Baptist Church through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

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Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mrs. Janet Eileen Rea Jones

Mrs. Janet Eileen Rea Jones, age 69, of Madison, Indiana (near Rexville) entered this life on October 27, 1952 in Batesville, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Russell R. and Dova Sedam Rea. She was raised in Rexville and graduated in 1970 from South Ripley High School in Versailles. She worked early in life as a teller for the Ripley County Bank in Osgood. On January 5, 1974, she was united in marriage to Sam Jones at the New Marion Baptist Church in New Marion, Indiana by Pastor Harold Carter. This happy union of nearly 48 years was blessed with a son, Jeff, and a daughter, Kim. She was a devoted wife, loving mom and mamaw. She worked as a homemaker until her children were of age and she then worked as a teller at the Huntington Bank in Nashville, Indiana. Janet and Sam resided in Brown County for 35 years before moving back to Rexville in 2005. Janet loved watching the hummingbirds, painting ceramics, going on drives, watching the Wheel of Fortune, cooking, cleaning, organizing, and decorating cakes. She had fought a long battle with multiple sclerosis since 1994. Janet died on Saturday, December 25, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at Margaret Mary Community Hospital in Batesville, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Janet will be missed by her loving husband of nearly 48 years, Sam Jones of Rexville, Indiana; her loving son, Jeff Jones and his wife, Annie of North Vernon, Indiana; her loving daughter, Kim Jones of Rexville, Indiana; her loving grandchildren, Hunter Ray, Ashley Jones, Payton Jones, Justine Jones, and Megan Jones; her brother, Donald Rea and his wife, Nana of Bedford, Indiana; her sister, Linda Brinson of Ellettsville, Indiana; her brothers in law, Kenneth Jones (Virginia), Ed Jones, Lowell Jones, and Oliver Jones (Carolyn); several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Russell R. Rea, her mother, Dova Sedam Rea, her baby sister, Helen Rea, and her sister in law, Wilma Abplanalp.

PRIVATE FUNERAL CEREMONY

Private family services will be conducted by Pastor Harold Carter at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Shelby Cemetery in Ripley County, Indiana.

PRIVATE FAMILY VISITATION

Private visitation will be held at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at http://www.morgan-nay.com/

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Family & friends are encouraged to visit our online condolence registry at www.morgan-nay.com

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Sunset: 5:30 p.m.
Temperature: High 50, Low 45, Mean 47.5, Excess 18.4
Precipitation since last published: 0.80.
Precipitation, December: 4.07.
Precipitation, Year: 41.70.
Barometer: 29.86, Rising
River Level at IKE: 424.9, Falling
Three-Day Forecast: Friday New Year's Eve: Cloudy 64/Low 57; Saturday New Year's Day: Rain 60/Low 30; Sunday: Cloudy 33/Low 18; Monday: Sunny 38/Low 26.

BIRTHDAYS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up?

Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641.

Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

DECEMBER 30
• Russell Crawford
• Jace smith

DECEMBER 31
• Zeke Grimmet

JANUARY 3
• Amy Slayden Anderson

JANUARY 5
• Joe Johnson

OBITUARIES

Shirley Smithers

Shirley Ann Cox Smithers, 61, of Deputy, Indiana and formerly of Hanover, Indiana, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, at her home in Deputy from a pulmonary embolism after surviving a battle with her health.

She was born on Dec. 29, 1959, in Cincinnati, to James and Janice Carol Wynn Cox. She resided all of her life in Jefferson County, Indiana, and was a 1977 graduate of Southwestern High School. She received her Registered Nurse degree from Ivy Tech and later her Administrator of Health Services degree. She married Gregory Dale Smithers on June 9, 1984, in Hanover, and they had two daughters. She was raised in the Chelsea Church of God and was later affiliated with the Disciples of Christ Fellowship. She worked as a Registered Nurse with King's Daughters' Hospital and then served as Director of Nurses at the Hanover Health and Rehab Center. She had last served as Administrator of Health Services for the Madison Correctional Facility. She enjoyed the beach, was an avid fan of "The Wizard of Oz" and enjoyed collecting memorabilia. Her greatest joy was her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years of Deputy; her mother, Janice Carol Wynn Cox Smithers Fugate of Hanover; her daughters, Beth Ann Courtney of Madison and Elisha Trapp of Hanover; her sister, Susan Sullivan of Hanover; her brothers, Jimmy Cox Jr. of Lexington, Indiana, Jerry Cox and Terry Cox, both of Hanover; and eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, an aunt, an uncle, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday and 9 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shirley Smithers Nursing Scholarship for a Southwestern High School Graduate through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Rosemary Alexander

Rosemary Holden Alexander, 70, of Deputy, Indiana, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at her home in Deputy after suffering from dementia the past five years.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1951, in Newport, Vermont, to Bruce and Beryl Willson and the biological daughter of Pauline LaBounty Shafer. She was raised in the Catholic faith and later was of the Christian faith. She grew up in Coventry, Vermont, and graduated in 1971 from Lake Region Union High School in Orleans, Vermont. She married Danny Alexander Sr. on Nov. 12, 1971, in Madison, Indiana, and they had a son and a daughter. She resided in Lexington, Indiana, for 18 years and in Deputy the past nine years. She retired from Key Manufacturing after 29 years as a machine operator. She enjoyed yard sales, playing Bunco, celebrating Christmas, decorating and traveling with her husband.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years of Deputy; her son, Danny Alexander Jr. of Deputy; her daughter, Linda Hartwell of Perry, Florida; her sisters, Tammy Kane of Jacksonville, Florida, Cheryl Simino of West Charleston, Vermont, Susan Patneaude of Inverness, Florida and Sandra Kaiser of Eden, Vermont; a brother, Ronald Willson of Charleston, Vermont; and two grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her foster father, her biological mother and her foster mother.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow at a later date in the Alexander Family Cemetery in Trimble County, Kentucky. Visitation is 4 p.m. until time of services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alexander Family Cemetery through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Pamela Brightwell

Pamela Joe Brightwell, 64, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at Baptist Health in La Grange, Kentucky.

She was born on May 19, 1957, in Carrollton, to Richard Lee "Buzz" Brightwell and Vivian M. Sanders Brightwell. She formerly worked as a caregiver at River Reed Assisted Living Center in Carrollton. She was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with an associate degree in childcare development.

Survivors include two sons, Mario Brightwell of Alexandria, Kentucky and Derrick Allen Brightwell of Hanover, Indiana; a daughter, Karla Bena Brightwell of Louisville; three brothers, Jeffrey Wayne "Bodean" Brightwell and Timothy Earl "Tim" Brightwell, both of Carrollton and Steven C. Brightwell of Clarksville, Tennessee; three sisters, Vivian Lee Brightwell, Doris J. Ritchie and Juanita Marie Brightwell, all of Carrollton; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gary Newby.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Burial will take place in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton. Visitation is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

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Terry Hughes

Terry Lee Hughes, 73, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at Signature Healthcare in Carrollton.

He was born in Ghent, Kentucky, on May 4, 1948, to Joe H. Hughes and Minnie Clara Bell Hughes. He had worked for the former Elf-Atochem chemical company in Carrollton for 32 years as a material handler and was a member of Ghent Baptist Church. He served in the US Army during Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly "Bev" Fishback Hughes of Carrollton; two sons, Kenneth Dale Hughes of Florence, Kentucky and Joe Paul Hughes of Louisville; a daughter, Mackenzie Whittamore of Lexington, Kentucky; two sisters, Linda Cole of Turners Station, Kentucky and Sandy Tomlinson of Carrollton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Stuart Rodney Hughes; and a brother, Jackie Hughes.

The family has requested that no formal services be held at this time.

Arrangements entrusted to Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mrs. Rosemary Holden Alexander

Mrs. Rosemary Holden Alexander, age 70, of Deputy, Indiana entered this life on November 29, 1951in Newport, Vermont. She was the loving foster daughter of the late Bruce and Beryl Willson and the biological daughter of the late Pauline LaBounty Shafer. She was raised in the Catholic faith and later was of the Christian faith. She was raised in Coventry, Vermont and graduated in 1971 from Lake Region Union High School in Orleans, Vermont. On November 12, 1971 Rosemary was united in marriage to Danny Alexander, Sr. at the Jefferson County Courthouse. This happy union of 50 years was blessed with a son, Danny, Jr. and a daughter, Linda. Rosemary and Danny resided in Lexington, Indiana for 18 years and in Deputy for the past nine years. She retired after 29 years of service with Key Manufacturing as a machine operator. Rosemary loved spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed yard sales, playing Bunco, celebrating Christmas, was a great decorator, and traveling with her husband. She fought a courageous battle for the past five years with dementia. Rosemary died on Sunday, December 26, 2021, at 7:32 p.m. at her home in Deputy, Indiana with her loving family at her side.

A LOVING FAMILY

Rosemary will be missed by her loving husband of 50 years, Danny Alexander, Sr. of Deputy, Indiana; her loving son, Danny Alexander, Jr. and his companion, Aimee Liter of Deputy, Indiana; her loving daughter, Linda Hartwell and her husband, Chuck of Perry, Florida; her loving grandchildren, Courtney Alexander and her husband, Justin Johnson of Bedford, Kentucky, Rosemary Morgan and her partner, Michael Boldery of Hanover, Indiana; her adoring great grandchildren, Gavin Alexander, Jordan Johnson, Emery Johnson, Charlie Morgan, Nathan Boldery, and James Lynn Boldery; her sisters, Tammy Kane and her husband, Rodney of Jacksonville, Florida, Cheryl Simino and her husband, Dale of West Charleston, Vermont, Susan Patneaude and her husband, Ray of Inverness, Florida, Sandra Kaiser and her husband, Philip of Eden, Vermont; her brother, Ronald Willson of Charlston, Vermont; her brothers in law and sisters in laws, Rick Alexander of Sanders, Kentucky, Louis Alexander and his wife, Linda of Paris Crossing, Indiana, Linda Higgins of Lexington, Indiana, Carla Morris and her husband, Leon of Lexington, Indiana, Jim Alexander and his wife, Myrtie of Bedford, Kentucky; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her foster father, Bruce Willson, her biological mother, Pauline LaBounty Shafer, and her foster mother, Beryl Willson.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 31, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Alexander Family Cemetery in Trimble County, Kentucky.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alexander Family Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com

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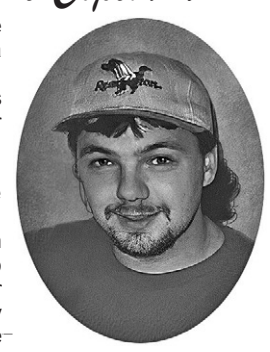
Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mr. Darris Blaine Copeland



Mr. Darris Blaine Copeland, age 47, of Connersville, Indiana entered this life on January 25, 1974 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Grover Cleveland, Sr. and Rachel Lou Burton Copeland. He was raised in Madison and was a 1992 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. Darris was united in marriage on May 17, 2009 to Christian Nachole. He worked for Madison Tool and Die and Rotary Lift before moving to Connersville in 2009 and was currently employed as a welder for Keener Corporation. He loved fishing, cooking, fixing bicycles and giving them to kids, and spoiling his dogs, Dea Dea and Nivi. Darris died on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 2:00 a.m. at his home in Connersville, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Darris will be missed by his loving wife of 12 years, Christian Nacole Copeland of Connersville, Indiana; his sons, Shawn Burke and his wife, Amanda of Madison, Indiana,and Dalton Blaine Jones of Dupont, Indiana; his step son, Skylar Becraft of Connersville, Indiana; his granddaughter, Arianna Adrian Burke; his step granddaughter, Emberleigh Grace Ann Becraft; his brothers, Dicky Copeland and his wife, Bekah of Madison, Indiana, and Gail Copeland and his wife, Diane of Madison, Indiana; his sisters, Linda Davis Bailey and her husband, Mark of Vevay, Indiana, and Gwen Miller and her husband, Tony of Madison, Indiana; his sister in laws, Wanda Copeland of Madison, Indiana, Jeanette Copeland of Madison, Indiana; his aunts and uncles, Brenda and Larry Brittain, Florene Spry, Jean and George Reed and George Copeland; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Grover Cleveland Copeland, Sr., died October 17, 2008, his mother, Rachel Lou Burton Copeland, died August 15, 2012, his brothers, Grover Cleveland "Hotrod" Copeland, Jr., died August 6, 2020 and Willard Danny "Hair Ball" Copeland, died September 18, 2020.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., by Dicky Copeland at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre - Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Grandview Memorial Gardens,9306 North U.S. 421 in Madison, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Thursday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre - Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the Darris Copeland Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at http://www.morgan-nay.com/

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Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mr. Paul Franklin West

Mr. Paul Franklin West, age 95, of Hanover, Indiana formerly of Madison entered this life on May 7, 1926 in Covington, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late Shirl Edward and Christina Marie Robbins West. He lived in Jefferson County, Indiana most of his life and graduated from Lexington High School in l944 in Lexington, Kentucky. After graduation, he enlisted into the United States Navy in Scottsburg, Indiana. He served during World War II and rose to the rate of Seaman First Class serving aboard the USS Charles E. Brannon (DE-446), USS Formoe and the USS Munro. He was honorably discharged on June 8, 1946 at Great Lakes, Illinois receiving the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign with one battle star, the American Area Campaign Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one battle star. On August 31, 1952 he was united in marriage to Rose Marie Lichlyter in Jefferson County, Indiana. This happy union of 68 years was blessed with two daughters, Jerri and Judy. He retired in 1988 from Indiana Kentucky Electric Corporation after 33 years of service in the maintenance department. Paul was a member of North Madison Baptist Church, the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the Madison VFW Post No. 1969. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, playing the guitar, and being with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Paul died on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Paul will be missed by his loving daughters, Jerri M. Marshall and her companion, Floyd Gibson of Deputy, Indiana, Judy M. Mitchell and her husband Rick of Bargersville, Indiana; his grandchildren, Ricky Mitchell and his wife, Kelly, Tyler Mitchell, Kayla Mitchell and her companion, Matt Bird, and Kendra Archer and her husband, Josh; his great grandchildren, Braydon J. Archer, Bryson Archer, Gavin Bird, Breeah Smith, Jackson Mitchell, Jocelyn Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Jacob Mitchell; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Shirl Edward West, his mother, Christina Marie Robbins West, his brothers, Robert G. West and Claude E. West, his wife of 68 years, Rose Marie Lichlyter West, died October 28, 2020, and his son in law, David L. Marshall, died April 7, 2014.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, January 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., by Pastor Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery,1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Monday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana.

MILITARY HONORS

A final salute will be conducted on Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre with military honors to follow at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice of Jennings County. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at http://www.morgan-nay.com/

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Let Us Pause To Honor The Memory Of

Mrs. Shirley Ann Cox Smithers

Mrs. Shirley Ann Cox Smithers, age 61, of Deputy, Indiana formerly of Hanover entered this life on December 29, 1959 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the loving daughter of James and Janice Carol Wynn Cox. She resided all of her life in Jefferson County and was a 1977 graduate of Southwestern High School. She received her Registered Nurse degree from Ivy Tech and later received her Administrator of Health Services degree. On June 9, 1984, she was united in marriage to Gregory Dale Smithers in Hanover, Indiana. This happy union of 37 years was blessed with two daughters, Beth Ann and Elisha. She was raised in the Chelsea Church of God and later affiliated with the Disciples of Christ Fellowship. Shirley worked as a Registered Nurse with King's Daughters' Hospital and then served as Director of Nurses at the Hanover Health and Rehab Center. She had last served as the Administrator of Health Services for the Madison Correctional Facility. She was a devoted wife, loving mom, the best nana, and as her family stated "our everything". One of her favorite places was being on the beach, was an avid fan of "The Wizard of Oz" and enjoyed collecting memorabilia. But her greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Shirley passed suddenly from a pulmonary embolism after surviving a battle with her health. Her passing has left a huge void in her family but the joy she shared and the memories created can never be forgotten. Shirley left this life on Saturday, December 25, 2021, at 1:38 p.m. at her home in Deputy, Indiana with her loving husband at her side.

A LOVING FAMILY

Shirley will be missed by her loving husband of 37 years, Gregory Dale Smithers of Deputy, Indiana; her mother, Janice Carol Wynn Cox Smithers Fugate of Hanover, Indiana; her devoted daughters, Beth Ann Courtney and her husband, Scott of Madison, Indiana, Elisha Trapp and her husband, Grant of Hanover, Indiana; her loving grandchildren, Nathan, Alexis, Camrun, Christian, Brady, Trinity, Gerrit, and Turner; her adoring great grandchildren, Easton, Everly, Ava, and Eli; her sister, Susan Sullivan of Hanover, Indiana; her brothers, Jimmy Cox, Jr. and his wife, Sherry of Lexington, Indiana, Jerry Cox of Hanover, Indiana, Terry cox of Hanover, Indiana; her aunt, Joyce Wynn of Hanover, Indiana; her uncle, Tommy Wynn of Hanover, Indiana; her sisters in law, Pam Smithers of Hanover, Indiana, Linda Long and her husband, David of Lexington, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, James Cox, died July 4, 1992, her father in law, Norman Smithers, Died November 5, 1996, her brother in law, Gary Smithers, died in 1983, and her grandparents, James " Poppy" and Francis "Nanny" Cox and Burnam and Roma Jump Wynn.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, January 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., by Pastor Jimmy Cox at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Sunday from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shirley Smithers Nursing Scholarship for a Southwestern High School Graduate. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at http://www.morgan-nay.com/

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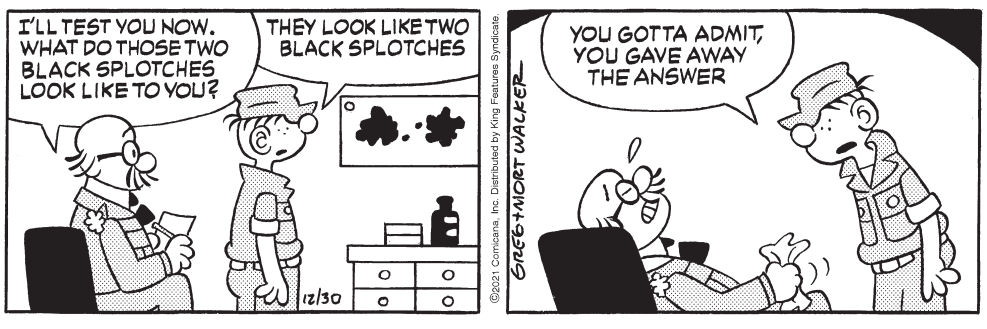
I'LL TEST YOU NOW. WHAT DO THOSE TWO BLACK SPLOTCHES LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
THEY LOOK LIKE TWO BLACK SPLOTCHES
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YOU GOTTA ADMIT, YOU GAVE AWAY THE ANSWER
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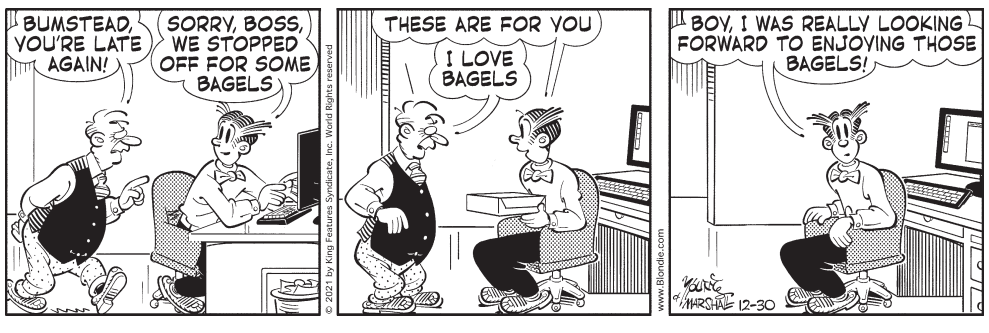
BUMSTEAD, YOU'RE LATE AGAIN!
SORRY, BOSS, WE STOPPED OFF FOR SOME BAGELS
THESE ARE FOR YOU
I LOVE BAGELS
BOY, I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO ENJOYING THOSE BAGELS!
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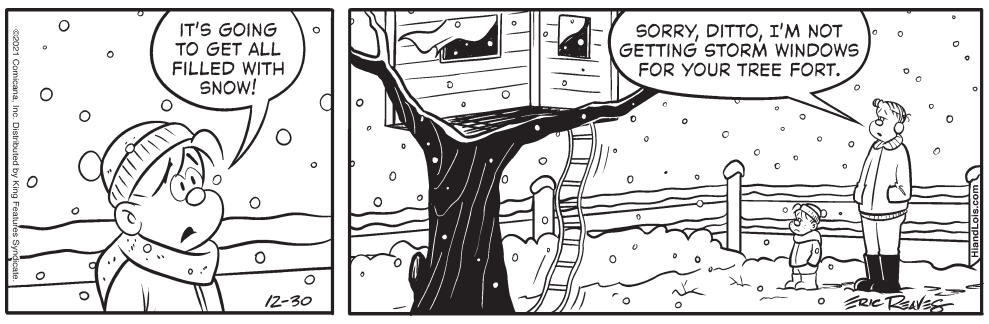
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IT'S GOING TO GET ALL FILLED WITH SNOW!
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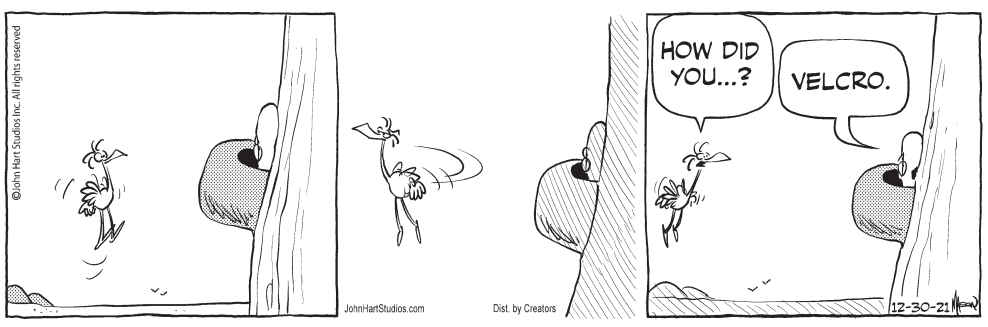

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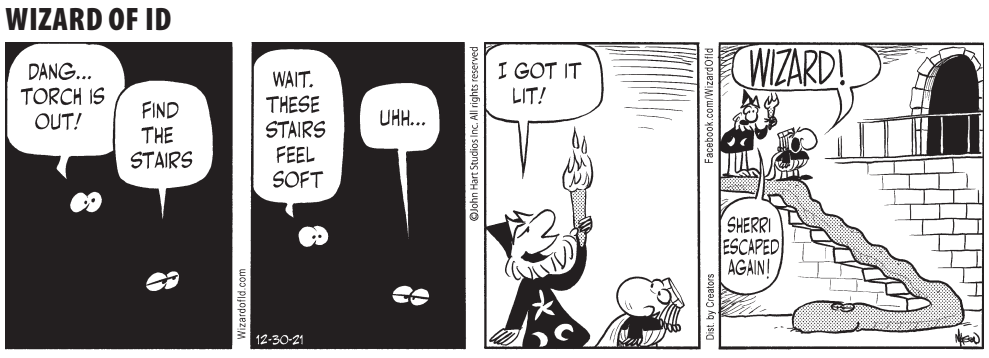

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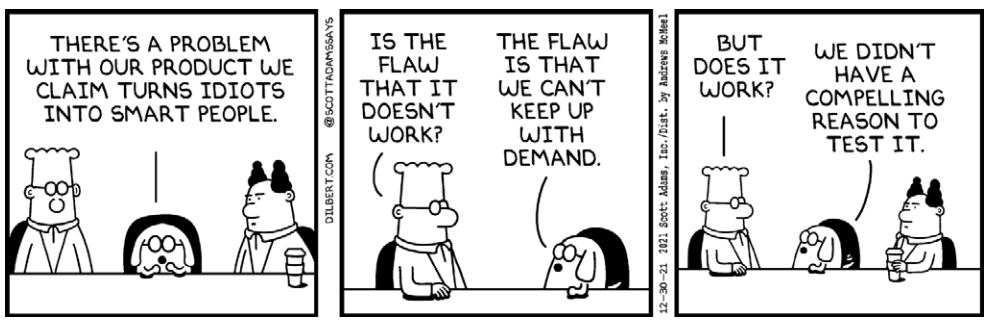
THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH OUR PRODUCT WE CLAIM TURNS IDIOTS INTO SMART PEOPLE.
DILBERT.COM
@SCOTTADAMSSAYS
IS THE FLAW THAT IT DOESN'T WORK?
THE FLAW IS THAT WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH DEMAND.
BUT DOES IT WORK?
WE DIDN'T HAVE A COMPELLING REASON TO TEST IT.
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GARFIELD

GUESS WHAT, GARFIELD?!
I'M PICKING UP LIZ AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT TO GO DANCING!
NOW WHERE'S MY WHITE BELT AND GOLD CHAINS?!
SEE YOU AT 8:05
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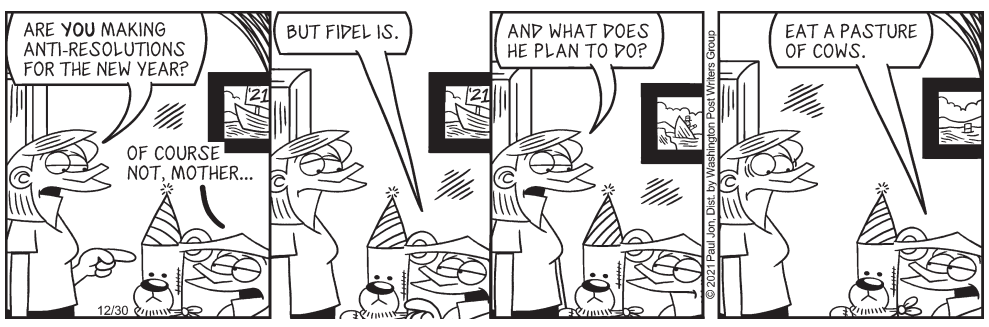
ARE YOU MAKING ANTI-RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR?
OF COURSE NOT, MOTHER...
BUT FIDEL IS.
AND WHAT DOES HE PLAN TO DO?
EAT A PASTURE OF COWS.
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PICKLES

ARE YOU ALL READY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE, NELSON?
UH HUH. I'VE GOT A PARTY HAT, A BAG OF CONFETTI, AND A NOISEMAKER.
RATCHA RATCHA
ARE YOU READY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE, GRAMMA?
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NOT REALLY. ALL I'VE GOT IS A NOISEMAKER.
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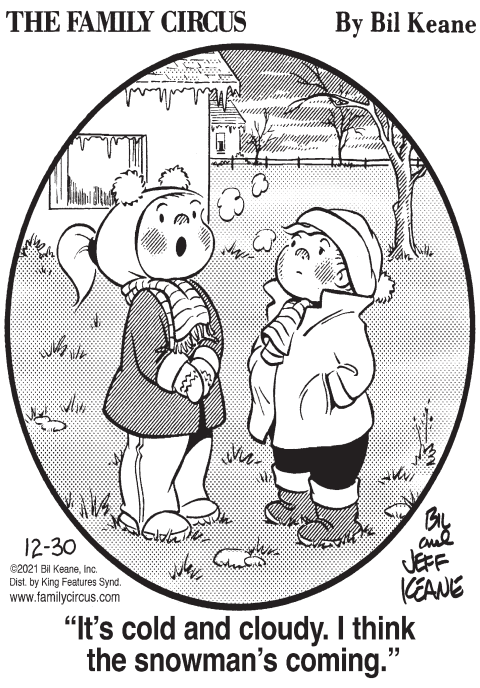

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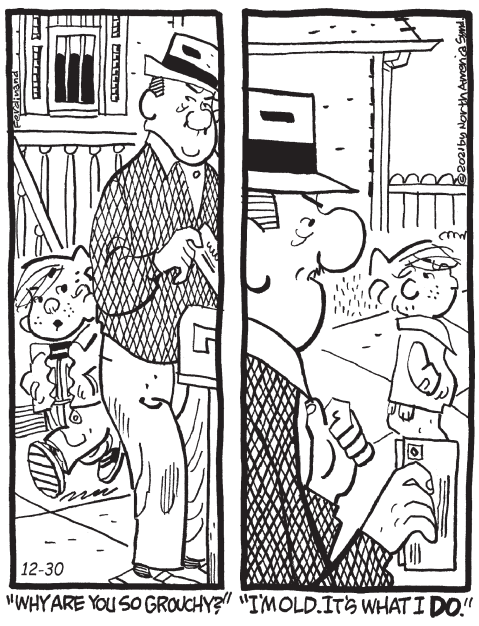

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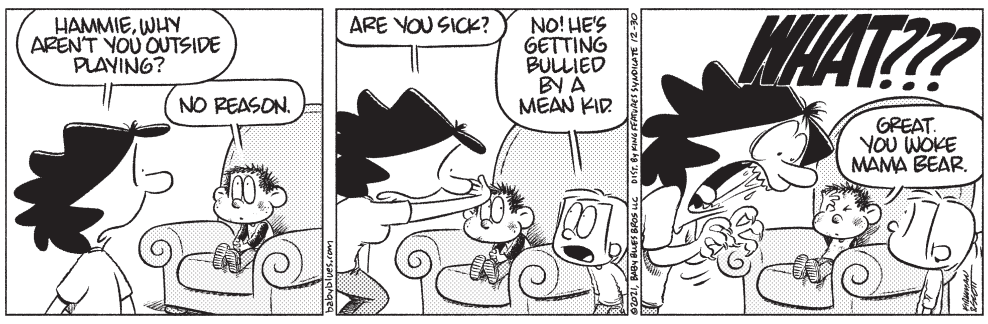
HAMMIE, WHY AREN'T YOU OUTSIDE PLAYING?
NO REASON.
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ARE YOU SICK?
NO! HE'S GETTING BULLIED BY A MEAN KID.
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WHAT???
GREAT. YOU WOKE MAMA BEAR.

CURTIS

FOR THREE DAYS, THE THREE JEALOUS MAIDENS FOLLOWED THE ONE MAIDEN, HOPING SHE'D LEAD THEM TO HER SECRET SOURCE OF WATER.
AND WHEN THEY DID, THEY PLOTTED TO KEEP IT FOR THEMSELVES!
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BUT FOR THREE DAYS, THE ONE MAIDEN WOULD SIT BY THE STUMP, AND THEN RETURN TO HER HUT TO POUR FRESH WATER.
AS THEY DRANK THEIR OWN FOUL, STAGNANT WATER, THEY DETERMINED THAT THE JUG MUST BE A "MAGIC JAR"....
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AND THAT THEY WOULD STEAL IT!

ZITS

MOM!
SCOTT & BORGMAN
I CAN'T DEAL WITH ALL THESE ARTICLES YOU KEEP GIVING ME!
I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND...
zitscomics.com
...SO I SAVED THIS ONE THAT HAS TIPS FOR COPING WITH OVERLY HELPFUL MOTHERS.
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How do I address the racism in my husband's family?

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: I am in an interracial relationship and am a stepparent to a 7-year-old daughter. When COVID-19 came, my mother-in-law was without a job and in between places. We have only two bedrooms, one for us and one for my stepdaughter.

My mother-in-law had no place to go, so we offered her our couch. My husband, who was taking care of her financially, asked if it was OK for her to stay for a couple of weeks. Of course, that was no issue at all.

A couple of weeks turned into months. She constantly berated both of our parenting and undermined us all the time. Things came to a head, and my husband could not handle her being here with us. It turned into a very heated argument that led to the police forcing her to leave.

During the argument, I was scratched in the face. While she was removing things from the home, she called me every racist name in the book and left me feeling like I was no good. I have done nothing but help this woman. I even tried to help her find a job.

My husband has had no contact with her since. My concern is that there is a 7-year-old grandchild involved. My mother-in-law has not apologized to me, nor do I have any contact with her. I want to forgive her, but my heart will not let me. I don't want my stepdaughter to miss out on her grandma, but the things she said were so hurtful. Is there any way to move past this knowing what her true feelings are? — Not So Black and White

Dear Not So Black and White: I commend you for putting your stepdaughter first after such an attack.

Often, people with such bigotries are not malicious but ignorant, uneducated and small-minded. This is not an excuse. It merely shows that there is hope for her to change.

I would discuss the subject in-depth with your husband and come up with some clear, firm boundaries to present to his mother — the first being that hatred, racism and violence are not welcome in your home. You will do your stepdaughter no favors by exposing her to those views.

After your mother-in-law goes through therapy to address her violent, hateful outbursts — assuming that she does — you can discuss baby steps for bringing her back into your family's life.

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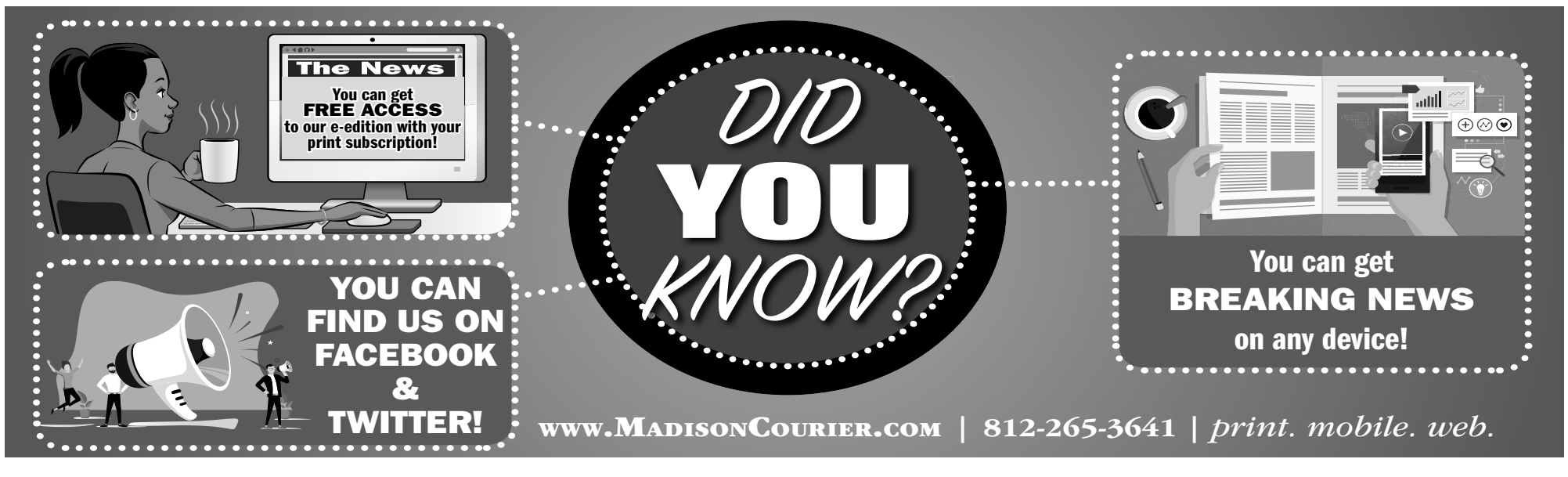
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FORWARD!
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WHEN WILL YOU TELL HIM HE'S GOING THE WRONG WAY?
AFTER HE FALLS IN THE LAKE
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COME ON, HONEY!! WE'RE GONNA BE LATE!
I'M HURRYING! AFTER LAST YEAR, IT'LL BE EXCITING TO SEE PEOPLE CELEBRATING AGAIN!
EVEN IF THEY'RE ON TV! DO WE KNOW HOW TO PARTY OR WHAT?
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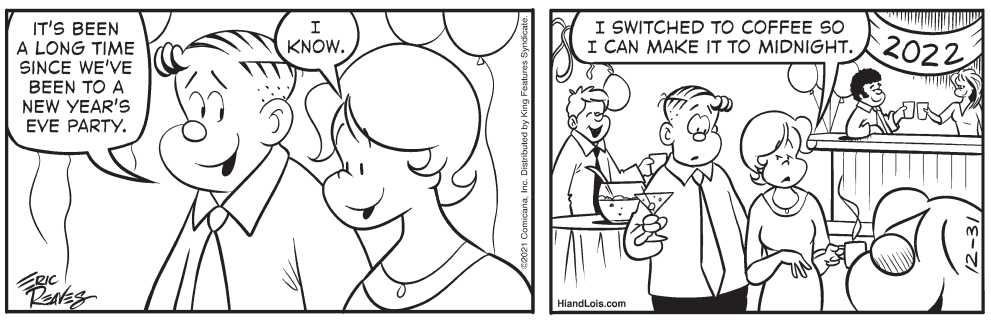
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE BEEN TO A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.
I KNOW.
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I SWITCHED TO COFFEE SO I CAN MAKE IT TO MIDNIGHT.
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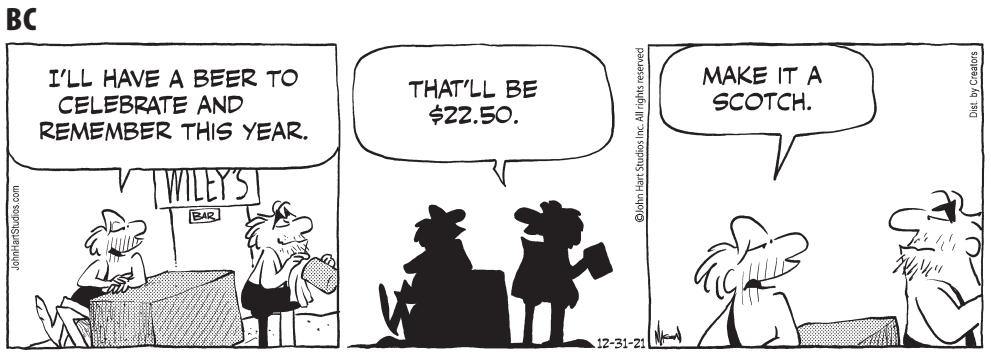

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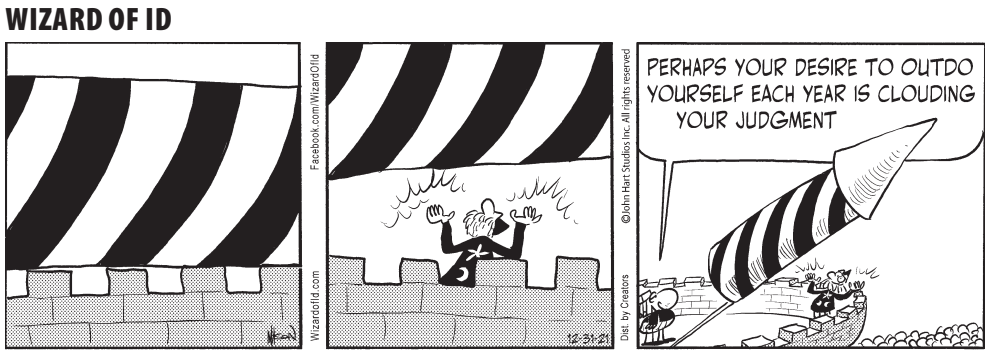
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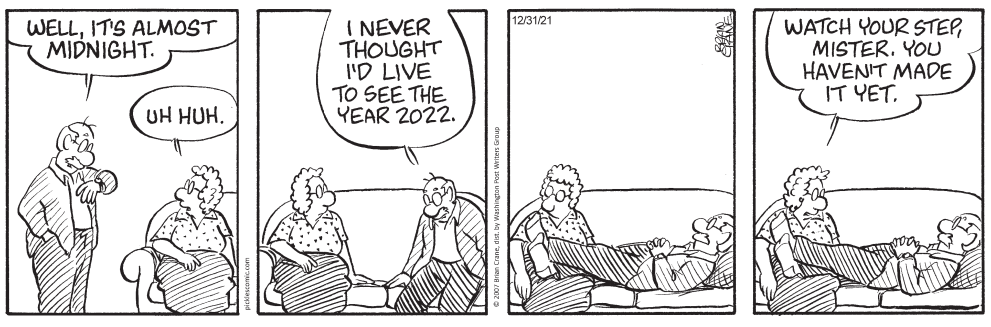
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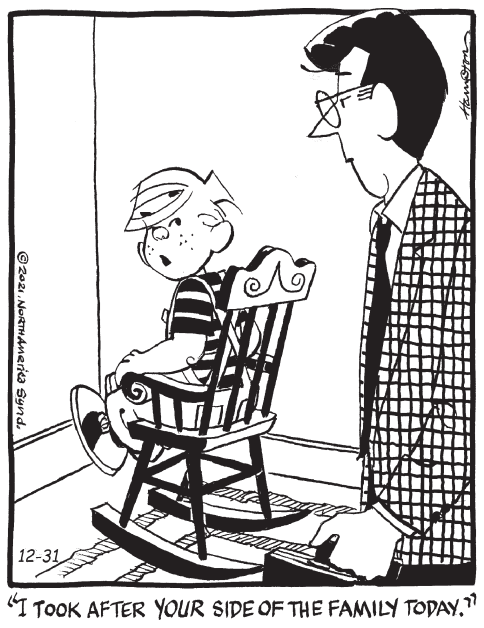

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Uplifting advice heading into the new year

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: You get a lot of letters about people whose partners fell in love with someone else, causing a rift in their partnership. I find a lot of these partners lacked communication, so I thought I'd share my story of what can happen when you just talk.

My husband and I celebrated nine years of marriage this year. During COVID-19, he worked from home and developed a lot of online friendships with people of all genders. One in particular, "Ellen," became especially close with him, and they consider each other best friends.

I noticed, though, that he seemed quite smitten with her.

So, I talked with him about it. Calmly. No judgment. No accusations. Just a simple question: "Do you have feelings for Ellen?"

He admitted he did, and we had a long discussion about what that meant. I never raised my voice. In fact, I was sympathetic, listening as he explained his worries, his guilt, his hatred of himself for falling for another woman. And I just listened. He needed a sympathetic ear, not an angry, jealous wife. I was still open about the fact that it hurt, but we talked about it calmly, like adults.

Since that initial conversation, we've continued talking about it. My husband and Ellen are very dear to each other, and I don't want to rip that from him, so I've made it clear that if he's trying to work through feelings for her, he can and should talk with me about it rather than hide it. I've also befriended Ellen since then (she knows nothing about his feelings for her) and made it clear that she can talk to me about anything, too.

It's made a massive difference while he works through this, and in the long run, it's actually made us closer. He talks to me about it when necessary, no judgment, and I can tell it takes a weight off his shoulders to do so, because of those guilty feelings. While we've never used counseling, we've both said we're open to the idea if it becomes necessary.

I realize this isn't an option for everyone, but I thought you'd appreciate what communication can do in difficult situations.

— Sympathetic, Not Jealous

Dear Sympathetic: You are a candidate for sainthood, and you are being rewarded with an unusually close relationship with your husband. Thank you for sharing your experience about what honest, compassionate communication can do in a relationship — especially when you hit a rough patch.

Dear Annie: I went to buy fish recently at our local supermarket. The nicest young man waited on me. As I walked out of the store, I thought about how lucky we are to have nice help. I thought to myself, "I should have told the young man, 'Thank you for working.'"

Everyone is looking for workers. We should not only thank our workers but also tell them how much we appreciate them for coming into work every day. — Happy Shopper

Dear Happy Shopper: What a timely reminder as 2021 draws to a close. Workers such as the gentleman who helped you at the supermarket have kept food on our tables, even when many of our stores were closed for COVID-19.

There is another message buried in your letter that I want to emphasize: One friendly face has the power to make someone's day. Don't underestimate it. Pay it forward.

OBITUARIES

Danny Blaylock

William Daniel "Danny" Blaylock, 71, of Deputy, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at his home in Deputy.

He was born on May 23, 1950, in Trimble County, Kentucky, to William Lawrence and Jewell Hood Blaylock. He was raised in Jefferson County, Indiana, and was a 1970 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. He married Judith Le Moore on Jan. 1, 1972, in Madison, Indiana, and they had four sons and a daughter. He was a retired logger and heavy equipment operator. He also enjoyed horses, working the farm and baling hay for his horses. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his horses, camping and using his team of horses to pull his wagon. He was a member of the Country Outlaws Horse Club and the Scott County Sheriff's Posse.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years of Deputy; his sons, William Randall "Randy" Blaylock and Rick Blaylock, both of Deputy, Raymond Blaylock of Dupont, Indiana and Brian Blaylock of Lancaster, Indiana; his daughter, Regina Hazelwood of Deputy; his sister, Mary "Tootie" Bridge Johnson of Scott County, Indiana; and six grandchildren, a great grandchild and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jimmy Blaylock.

His wishes were to be cremated with no public service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Danny Blaylock Remembrance Fund through the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Winnie Turner

Wanda Lynn "Winnie" Sizemore Turner, 66, of Prospect, Kentucky and formerly of Bedford, Kentucky, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, in Louisville.

She was born Feb. 13, 1955, in Toledo, Ohio, to Roscoe Sizemore Jr. and Bonnie Jean Smith Sizemore. She attended Ahrens Trade High School in Louisville. She married Charles Lee Turner Jr. in 1973. She was a homemaker and owned a daycare center out of her home. She was a Christian and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Bedford, and enjoyed cleaning house, cooking, watching "Family Feud" TV shows and Madea movies, playing board games and spending time with her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Amanda Abbott of Milton, Kentucky; a sister, Rhonda Hines of Crestwood, Kentucky; her close friend, Debbie Trepanier of Crestwood; and six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 44 years on Nov. 30, 2017; a daughter, Tammy Lynn Goff, on Oct. 30, 2015; two sisters, Sandra Huber and Shirley Miller; and three brothers, Randy, Rex and Dale Sizemore.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, at the Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, with interment to follow in Bedford Cemetery there. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tammy Lynn Turner Goff Scholarship at Trimble County Schools through the funeral home. Online condolences, wwwransdell funeral.com.

Brandon Haven

Brandon Neil Haven, 42, of Scottsburg, Indiana, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, in Scottsburg.

He was born on April 13 1979, in Jeffersonville Indiana, to Richard E. Haven and Marla Kay Pennington Haven. He was a 1998 graduate of Scottsburg High School, attended Hanover College and graduated from Ivy Tech in Madison, Indiana. He was a self-employed contractor and certified welder, a member of Turning Point Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Hanover College. He liked all sports, was a University of Louisville fan and played basketball in high school and college.

Survivors include his mother; a son, Bryson Niles Haven; a close friend, companion and mother of his son, Krista Pulliam; a brother, Dustin Kyle Haven; and his paternal grandmother, Ruth Rice Zollman.

He was preceded in death by his father; his step-grandfather, Dudley Keach; his paternal grandfather, Edward Owen Haven; and his maternal grandparents, Kelly Pennington and Zelma Odom Pennington

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, at the Stewart & Hoagland Funeral Home in Scottsburg. Burial will be in Zoah Christian Church Cemetery there. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m. until time of services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brandon Haven Memorial Fund through the funeral home, www.stewartfuneralhome.net.

Raymond Pelston

Raymond L. Pelston, 65, of Worthville, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at his home in Worthville.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1956, in Carrollton, Kentucky, to Veo Willis Pelston and Rebecca C. Turner Pelston. He was a licensed electrician and home repairman. He served in the US Army from 1976-1981.

Survivors include his wife, Lora Ray Claypool Pelston, of Carrollton; a son, Joshua Ray Pelston of Worthville; two daughters, Tanya Marie Pelston and Erin Nichole Mahoney, both of Ghent, Kentucky; two sisters, Betty Jean Keel of Port Richey, Florida and Stella Gibson of Worthville; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ray Pelston; a sister, Ruby Keck; and a granddaughter.

No formal services will be held.

Arrangements entrusted to Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Online condolences, www.tandyecklerriley.com.

Nancy Furst

Nancy L. Furst, 62, of Deputy, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

She was born on Aug. 12, 1959, in Madison, Indiana, to Frederick Combs and Myrtle Richardson. She graduated from Scottsburg High School and was a waitress for more than 30 years and a Mary Kay consultant for more than 10 years, where she won a Cadillac. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, motorcycle rides, cats and good food.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Graham Hunt; and two nephews, Jordan Moots and Cody Moots.

She was preceded in death by her father; her husband, Randy Furst; and her brother, Dennis Moots.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison's hilltop with interment in Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, Indiana.

Online condolences, www.lytlewelty.com.

Dale O'Neal

Dale Porter O'Neal, 71, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Norton's Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler & Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyeckler rileyfuneralhome.com.

Pat Perkins

Patricia "Pat" Perkins, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral home.com.

Pete Redwine

Walter Samuel "Pete" Redwine, 85, of Versailles, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison's hilltop, www.lytlewelty.com.

Linda Lunsford

Linda Kay McKinney Lunsford, 74, of Madison, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Arlo McKillip

Arlo McKillip, 70, of Commiskey, Indiana, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

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Local jobless rates decline

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Unemployment rates declined in both Jefferson and Switzerland counties in November in information announced by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Jefferson County, now at 1.8%, improved from 2.2% in October while Switzerland County, now at 1.9%, improved from 2.3% in October.

Howard County at 4.7% has the highest unemployment rate in Indiana with Lake County next highest at 3.6% followed by Miami County at 3%. The lowest unemployment rates in Indiana are LaGrange and Union counties at 1.2%.

Jefferson County's 1.8% rate tied with Brown, Carroll, Dearborn, Parke, Pulaski, Putnam, Rush, Shelby, Tippecanoe, Wabash and Washington counties for 39th. Switzerland County's 1.9% rate tied with Clark, Noble and Perry counties for 35th.

Rates for other neighboring Indiana counties include Scott County, 2.3%, tied for 13th highest in the state; Jennings, 2.1%, tied for 23rd; Ripley,1.7%, tied for 51st; and Ohio County, 1.4%, tied for 83rd.

The data shows 14,708 in Jefferson County's workforce with 14,438 employed and 270 unemployed. Switzerland County's workforce totals 4,653 with 4,565 employed and 88 unemployed.

Indiana's unemployment for November was 3%, matching a low the state has not seen in more than 20 years. The last time Indiana's unemployment rate was at this level was in November 2000. It had fallen to 3.1% in December 2019 and stood at 3.2% before the COVID-19 pandemic struck in March 2020.

The national unemployment rate is 4.2%, a decrease from 4.6% in October.

OFFICE

FROM PAGE A1

mayor, city council, legislators, and local business and industry leaders to promote economic growth in the community. He will lead the city's Redevelopment and Economic Development Commissions to establish priorities and execute strategies to actively promote a community-based investment model for the City of Madison through business development, workforce development, and community development.

"I look forward to having someone of Tony's experience join our team. Tony will make an immediate impact implementing our community-based investment model, working on industry expansion, executing the READI grant projects, and partnering with city leaders to leverage economic development opportunities in our community. It is a bonus that he is a native Madisonian who understands our community needs and has been working with our community in a professional capacity on numerous projects," said Courtney.

A graduate of Ball State University, Steinhardt worked as a special assistant to the mayor in the City of Muncie beginning in November of 1991 for just over seven months before becoming Special Projects Director for the City of Madison in August of 1992, a position he held for more than two years. In December of 1994, he joined RW Armstrong and Associates as Community Development Representative and then began working at RATIO in 1996.

Most recently, Steinhardt was a recipient this year of the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to youth by Boy Scouts of America for his involvement with the Crossroads of America Council as a board member for 15 years and vice president of membership. Under his leadership, the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow Endowment grew from less than $4 million to more than $8.5 million.

In October, the Federal style row house that he and his wife, Hilary, own on Central Avenue was a stop on the Tri Kappa Tour of Homes. Tony's parents are Tony and Phyllis Steinhardt, honored earlier this year by the Madison Historic Board of Review as Lifetime Achievement Award winners. The family business — Steinhardt Heating and Cooling — was also a 2004 recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's Business Service Award.

OPTIONS

FROM PAGE A1

On Saturday night there is a very special event at the Off-Broadway Taproom. Anthony Ray Wright and his band will be celebrating the life and music of Hank Williams. January 1 is actually the anniversary of Hank's death in 1953, at the age of 29. Anthony will do Ol' Hank justice, I can guarantee that.

While I don't have it on the calendar, there will most likely be music elsewhere on Saturday, like Thomas Family Winery and probably Mad Paddle Brewery, so take a stroll down Second Street if you are out and about and see what's happening.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

DEALER

FROM PAGE A1

When police located Barnes in the driver's seat of a red Ford pickup at a gas pump at the Hanover Circle K, Indiana State Troopers could see a glass pipe containing residue on the center console and two plastic baggies containing a crystalline substance fall when Barnes stood up.

A subsequent search revealed a backpack with Barnes' name written on it and a credit/debit card bearing his name inside. Also inside were a digital scale, plastic baggies and corner cut baggies.

On the day of his arrest, Barnes said he was meeting someone to sell them 3.5 ounces of methamphetamine. The truck Barnes was driving, along with another vehicle, had been stolen in Jefferson County.

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Shawe rallies to beat Crothersville in Hambrick's return to the bench

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Shawe won the type of game that a year ago it would have lost, rallying from nine points down with 5:30 to play to beat Crothersville 57-52 in overtime in boys basketball at home on Monday.

Jack Grote capped the comeback with a basket with seven seconds left in regulation to force overtime and sophomore Phillip Kahn scored eight of his game-high 28 points in the extra session as the Hilltoppers made coach Dan Hambrick a winner in his first game back from missing nearly a month after being hospitalized with COVID-19.

"If we had lost that game, I was going to go into the hospital," Hambrick joked.

The Hilltoppers, who led by nine in the first quarter, saw the script flipped by halftime when Crothersville sprinted out to a 10-point lead. The Tigers led by nine at the start of the fourth quarter and were still up nine with time winding down.

But showing the maturity and resolve they didn't have a year ago, the Hilltoppers clawed back, getting big baskets from Eli Turner, Kahn and Eric Liu down the stretch as well as some help from Crothersville at the free-throw line.

Watching his young team show the resolve to fight through adversity on a night when seemingly everything went wrong was the best medicine for the Shawe coach.

"You've got to learn how to keep focus and learn how to chip away. You get a bucket, you get a stop, you get a bucket, you get a stop, and I think this team grew a lot being down 10 points at half and still nine with five to go," Hambrick said. "This was a battle. We've either gotten blown out or blown somebody else out and now we have to battle down for the first time this season. I'm super proud of the effort the kid had. It made me feel good coming back."

Shawe (5-3) had everything going its way early on. Kahn was unstoppable, scoring seven points, and the Hilltoppers led 13-4 less than three minutes into the game.

David Campbell

Shawe head coach Dan Hambrick was back on the sidelines after missing nearly a month after being hospitalized with COVID-19.

But the rest of the game was a struggle. Crothersville, coached by Madison Consolidated High School graduate Bryant Layman, increased its pressure and began ripping into the Shawe lead, closing the gap to 18-14 by the quarter break and using a 10-0 run to start the second to seize the lead.

The Hilltoppers didn't lead again until early in the overtime and spent two and a half quarters trying to chase down the Tigers with little seeming to work.

"I don't know what happened to our intensity in the second quarter. I know we didn't hit shots, but even if you're not hitting shots, you've got to have the intensity on defense," Hambrick said. "We missed a lot of assignments and they were getting a lot of backdoor looks and a lot of open looks."

SEE **BENCH/PAGE B2**

Madden, Hall of Fame coach and broadcaster, dies

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

John Madden, the Hall of Fame coach turned broadcaster whose exuberant calls combined with simple explanations provided a weekly soundtrack to NFL games for three decades, died Tuesday morning, the league said. He was 85.

The NFL said he died unexpectedly and did not detail a cause.

Madden gained fame in a decade-long stint as the coach of the renegade Oakland Raiders, making it to seven AFC title games and winning the Super Bowl following the 1976 season. He compiled a 103-32-7 regular-season record, and his .759 winning percentage is the best among NFL coaches with more than 100 games.

But it was his work after prematurely retiring as coach at age 42 that made Madden truly a household name. He educated a football nation with his use of the telestrator on broadcasts; entertained millions with his interjections of "Boom!" and "Doink!" throughout games; was an omnipresent pitchman selling restaurants, hardware stores and beer; became the face of "Madden NFL Football," one of the most successful sports video games of all-time; and was a best-selling author.

Most of all, he was the preeminent television sports analyst for most of his three decades calling games, winning an unprecedented 16 Emmy Awards for outstanding sports analyst/personality, and covering 11 Super Bowls for four networks from 1979-2009.

"People always ask, are you a coach or a broadcaster or a video game guy?" he said when was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "I'm a coach, always been a coach."

He started his broadcasting career at CBS after leaving coaching in great part because of his fear of flying. He and Pat Summerall became the network's top announcing duo. Madden then helped give Fox credibility as a major network when he moved there in 1994, and went on to call prime-time games at ABC and NBC before retiring following Pittsburgh's thrilling 27-23 win over Arizona in the 2009 Super Bowl.

"I am not aware of anyone who has made a more meaningful impact on the National Football League than John Madden, and I know of no one who loved the game more," Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

Burly and a little unkempt, Madden earned a place in America's heart with a likable, unpretentious style that was refreshing in a sports world of spiraling salaries and prima donna stars. He rode from game to game in his own bus because he suffered from claustrophobia and had stopped flying. For a time, Madden gave out a "turducken" — a chicken stuffed inside a duck stuffed inside a turkey — to the outstanding player in the Thanksgiving game that he called.

"Nobody loved football more than Coach. He was football," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "He was an incredible sounding board to me and so many others. There will never be another John Madden, and we will forever be indebted to him for all he did to make football and the NFL what it is today."

When he finally retired from the broadcast booth, leaving NBC's "Sunday Night Football," colleagues universally praised Madden's passion for the sport, his preparation, and his ability to explain an often-complicated game in down-to-earth terms.

Al Michaels, Madden's broadcast partner for seven years on ABC and NBC, said working with him "was like hitting the lottery."

"He was so much more than just football — a keen observer of everything around him and a man who could carry on a smart conversation about hundreds and hundreds of topics. The term 'Renaissance Man' is tossed around a little too loosely these days, but John was as close as you can come," Michaels said.

For anyone who heard Madden exclaim "Boom!" while breaking down a play, his love of the game was obvious.

"For me, TV is really an extension of coaching," Madden wrote in "Hey, Wait a Minute! (I Wrote a Book!)."

"My knowledge of football has come from coaching. And on TV, all I'm trying to do is pass on some of that knowledge to viewers."

Madden was raised in Daly City, California. He played on both the offensive and defensive lines for Cal Poly in 1957-58 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the school.

Madden was chosen to the all-conference team and was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, but a knee injury ended his hopes of a pro playing career. Instead, Madden got into coaching, first at Hancock Junior College and then as defensive coordinator at San Diego State.

Al Davis brought him to the Raiders as a linebackers coach in 1967, and Oakland went to the Super Bowl in his first year in the pros. He replaced John Rauch as head coach after the 1968 season at age 32, beginning a remarkable 10-year run.

With his demonstrative demeanor on the sideline and disheveled look, Madden was the ideal coach for the collection of castoffs and misfits that made up those Raiders teams.

"Sometimes guys were disciplinarians in things that didn't make any difference. I was a disciplinarian in jumping offsides; I hated that," Madden once said. "Being in bad position and missing tackles, those things. I wasn't, 'Your hair has to be combed.'"

The Raiders responded.

"I always thought his strong suit was his style of coaching," quarterback Ken Stabler once said. "John just had a great knack for letting us be what we wanted to be, on the field and off the field. ... How do you repay him for being that way? You win for him."

And boy, did they ever. Many years, the only problem was the playoffs.

Madden went 12-1-1 in his first season, losing the AFL title game 17-7 to Kansas City. That pattern repeated itself during his tenure; the Raiders won the division title in seven of his first eight seasons, but went 1-6 in conference title games during that span.

Madden was a longtime resident of Pleasanton, California, a Bay Area suburb. A 90-minute documentary on his coaching and broadcasting career, "All Madden," debuted on Fox on Christmas Day. The film featured extensive interviews that Madden sat for this year. His wife, Virginia, and sons Joseph and Michael were also interviewed.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Trimble girls lose 3 at Cumberland

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County girls basketball finished the Don Franklin Classic at Cumberland County with three losses in three games this week.

The Raiders suffered a 68-35 loss to John Hardin in the opener on Monday then fell 54-47 to host Cumberland County in game two. On Tuesday, Trimble wrapped up the tourney with a 70-53 loss to Pineville.

Addison Edmondson scored 16 points to lead Trimble against John Hardin while Jolie Wilcoxson had seven points and Payton Butters added five. The Raiders trailed 28-22 after a high-scoring first quarter and were behind only 46-31 after three quarters when Hardin pulled away.

"The final score is not indicative of the game. We played hard and were in the game until late in the third quarter," Trimble coach Kerrie Stewart said. "We were playing back-to-back games and John Hardin went back to their press late and ran up the score in the end. We certainly made some mistakes, but did a lot of good things and showed some improvement."

Game two was much closer with both teams tied 31-31 heading into the fourth quarter before Cumberland ripped off 23 points over the final eight minutes to claim the win. Edmondson had 19 points and Butters scored 13 for the Raiders.

"Our defense showed improvement, as did our ability to handle the press and attack the basket. We were in foul trouble but got good play from Shelby Wright and Hannah Chilton off the bench along with others," Stewart said. "No excuses, but we would like to know how it might have turned out if we'd been fresh. Addison Edmonson and Payton Butters both had good offensive games. If our effort remains as consistent as both games tonight, we will be fine."

Trimble, now 1-12 on the season, return to action on Tuesday when the Raiders face Gallatin County in the opening round of the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Eminence.

SOUTHWESTERN GIRLS LOSE THREE

Southwestern's girls basketball team lost a trio of games in the Toby Yoho Classic at Eastern (Greene).

On Tuesday, the Rebels lost 62-35 to Brownstown in the opener and 41-26 to Loogootee in game two. Then, early Wednesday, Southwestern fell 34-32 to Barr-Reeve.

Emma Long scored 13 points, Ashley Fulton had nine points and Riley Scroggins scored six in the loss to Brownstown. Fulton had 11 points, Long scored six and Jenny Tankersley had three against Loogootee.

Against Barr-Reeve, Fulton had 19 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals, Long had six points and

SEE **GIRLS/PAGE B2**

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 30

WRESTLING

Madison, Switzerland Co., Cub Classic at Madison, 9 a.m.
Southwestern, Warrior Classic at Scottsburg, 9 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 31

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Warrior Classic at Scottsburg, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 1

No local events

Air Force uses passing game to win First Responder Bowl

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Air Force changed its strategy Tuesday for the First Responder Bowl, taking inspiration from its name and trying out its passing game. It worked.

Haaziq Daniels threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more to give Air Force a 31-28 win over Louisville.

Daniels completed 9 of 10 passes for a season-high 252 yards, leading a triple-option offense that came into the game averaging an FBS-best 340.8 rushing yards and the second-fewest passing yards at 82.5 per game.

The Falcons (10-3) didn't throw a pass in their final game of the regular season, a 48-14 win over UNLV, and took a streak of 94 straight rushes from scrimmage into their second possession Tuesday.

"I figured we'd (pass) more then we did in the last game," Air Force coach Troy Calhoun joked. "I just think sometimes you get in games, you make adjustments."

Louisville coach Scott Satterfield lamented his shorthanded secondary getting beat on man-to-man coverage. The Cardinals (6-7) were missing defensive back Kenderick Duncan (injured) and Greedy Vance, who is transferring to Florida State.

"Anytime you play a team like this, they're going to take a shot," Satterfield said. "They connect — they're going to come back to it again."

Senior Brandon Lewis had touchdown catches of 64 and 61 yards for the Falcons, finishing with five receptions for a career-high 172 yards. That's the most receiving yardage for an Air Force player this season and the most ever in the Falcons' 28 bowl games.

"I feel like I could have been doing this all season," Lewis said. "I'm just happy that I did do it in my final game."

Matthew Dapore kicked a 26-yard field goal with 5:28 left to give the Falcons a two-score lead.

Louisville's Malik Cunningham threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Harrell and ran for a 22-yard touchdown with 2:57 to play. Jawhar Jordan returned a kickoff 100 yards and Trevion Cooley had a 1-yard run for the Cardinals' other touchdowns.

Cooley, a freshman, had 92 yards rushing for Louisville. Redshirt freshman Jalen Mitchell, who led the Cardinals during the season with 722 rushing yards, was out with an illness.

Louisville's James Turner had a 44-yard field-goal attempt sail left in the first quarter, and the Cardinals were stopped on fourth-and-goal at the Falcons' 2-yard line early in the third quarter when Cooley was tackled by Camby Goff and Trey Taylor.

"We ran the play probably three of four times, which, it worked every single time up until that point," Cooley said. "It was my job to really punch it in."

Daniels ran for a 5-yard touchdown in the first quarter to give Air Force a 7-0 lead and a 1-yard score in the final minute of the second quarter to put the Falcons ahead 28-14.

THE TAKEAWAY

Air Force: The No. 6 overtime loss to Army prevented the Falcons from winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 2016 instead of settling for a three-way tie. They recorded double-digit wins for the fourth time in Calhoun's 15 seasons.

Louisville: The Cardinals had their second straight losing record. Tuesday's loss was the fourth by one score. "If that one play is made (in those games), it's a totally different season," senior linebacker C.J. Avery said.

POWER SHORTAGE

With Air Force beating Louisville and Houston defeating Auburn earlier Tuesday in the Birmingham Bowl, Power Five programs are 0-5 in bowls against teams from the Group of Five or independents.

MILESTONES

Cunningham (13 of 21 passing for 207 yards, 12 carries for 63 yards) became the second Louisville quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards in a season (1,031), and the 100 touchdowns he's responsible for are second to Lamar Jackson's 119. Cunningham will return for his fifth season in 2022. … Air Force senior fullback Brad Roberts had 20 carries, giving him a school-record 314 career rushes.

UP NEXT

The Cardinals will open next season at Central Florida on Sept. 10 and face South Florida before jumping into ACC play.

Some in CFP will face their former schools

BY TIM REYNOLDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Michigan defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald went to high school in Georgia. He's a University of Georgia graduate. He once worked on the staff at Georgia under Mark Richt as a graduate assistant.

Cincinnati running back Jerome Ford spent two seasons carrying the ball for Alabama, scoring three touchdowns and honing his craft under coach Nick Saban.

And now they get to try to beat their old schools.

There are plenty of ties that bind for all four teams going into the College Football Playoff semifinals Friday, and the ones featuring Macdonald and Ford might be the best of the bunch. Macdonald will look to slow down Georgia — his alma mater — in the Orange Bowl. Ford is Cincinnati's top rusher, set to play against Alabama at the Cotton Bowl.

"I'm looking down here at the microphone and it says Orange Bowl," Macdonald said while meeting with reporters virtually on Tuesday morning. "And it's kind of hard to believe that we're here."

Oh, in his case, that's true on a lot of levels.

Let's start at the beginning: He played high school football in Roswell, Georgia, for a man named Xarvia Smith. The respect was mutual, and when Macdonald was 21 and in the honors program on his way to a business degree from Georgia, Smith got a job at another high school. He offered Macdonald a chance to be defensive coordinator for the freshman team. Six shutouts later by that group, Macdonald was promoted to the varsity coaching staff — juggling that with his senior year of college.

"I had some great relationships with some of those players still to this day," Macdonald said. "Obviously, Coach Smith is a mentor of mine. We were just texting actually probably a day or two ago. That was a great memory, man."

He's not the only Michigan man with deep Georgia ties. Defensive lineman Chris Hinton is one of seven Wolverines who list Georgia as their home state, and Hinton nearly signed with the Bulldogs.

"I grew up with a lot of those guys over there at UGA, just growing up or through the recruiting process or through basketball, so it's going to be fun going against some familiar faces," Hinton said. "They recruited me hard and were honestly my second school. That's really my second school, my second option. It's going to be really fun going against those guys. I'm excited for the game."

And Hinton gives Macdonald plenty of credit for getting Michigan to this moment.

"I think he does a great job of putting people in great positions to make plays, and he does a great job just relating to his players," Hinton said. "We understand what he's thinking, he understands what we're thinking, and we're able to bounce off of that, bounce ideas off of that, and I think that's paid dividends to our success this year. I mean, we love Coach Mac."

Ford helped carry Cincinnati to this stage, becoming one of the nation's breakout stars in 2021 and — as luck would have it — getting the chance to face a program he knows plenty about in the semifinals.

Ford carried the ball 31 times in two seasons for Saban and the Crimson Tide. But he's grown fatigued of being labeled "the Alabama transfer."

Hubb leads Notre Dame comeback to beat Pittsburgh

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Prentiss Hubb hit a fade-away jumper from 10 feet to lift Notre Dame to a 68-67 road win at Pittsburgh in an Atlantic Coast Conference battle Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh's Jamarius Burton put up a well-defended runner at the buzzer that caromed off the glass.

After struggling from the field in the first half, Hubb knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers to pull the Irish within two, 53-51, and his trey with just under four minutes left put them in front 58-57.

Dane Goodwin hit a catch-and-shoot 3 with 3:13 left to put Notre Dame up by four, but John Hugley answered with a three-point play for Pitt. Burton's 3 got Pitt even at 63 with under two minutes left, but Cormac Ryan's 3 gave Notre Dame a 66-63 lead. Femi Odukale drove the lane and scored at the basket to put the Panthers in front 67-66 with :33 left.

Paul Atkinson Jr. hit 8 of 8 from the free throw line and finished with 16 points and eight rebounds to lead Notre Dame (7-5), which lost its ACC opener to Boston College on Dec. 3. Hubb hit 3 of 5 from beyond the arc and finished with 15 points. Blake Wesley added 12 points and Goodwin hit three 3s to contribute 11 points.

Hugley finished with 18 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals to lead Pittsburgh (5-8, 0-2). Burton added 15 points, Mouhamadou Gueye 14 and Odukale 13.

Notre Dame, which has won three straight games, plays host to No. 2 Duke on New Year's Day. Pitt travels to face Virginia Tech on Jan. 1.

Holiday Bowl scrapped as virus issues hit UCLA

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The Holiday Bowl became the fifth postseason college football game to be canceled when UCLA was forced to pull out just hours before Tuesday's kickoff because of COVID-19 issues with the team.

The Bruins were scheduled to face No. 18 North Carolina State at Petco Park, the home of the San Diego Padres.

A surge in COVID-19 cases across the country has disrupted a second straight bowl season.

The Hawaii, Military, Fenway and Arizona bowls have already been canceled due to virus outbreaks leaving teams without enough available players. The Sun and Gator bowls have had to scramble to find replacement teams for their games.

North Carolina State is the fifth Atlantic Coast Conference team to have its bowl disrupted by the virus.

Miami, Virginia and Boston College all had to withdraw from their games. Wake Forest is set to play in the Gator Bowl, but will face Rutgers instead of Texas A&M as originally scheduled.

NC State athletic director Boo Corrigan called it "an incredibly frustrating outcome for our players and staff who worked so hard to put themselves in position to get a 10th win. The timing of the announcement in proximity to kickoff was very disappointing."

He said NC State has been in contact with numerous teams about playing a game but did not say when or where that might be.

Coaches Dave Doeren of NC State and Chip Kelly of UCLA spoke Monday about tightening protocols to assure their game would be played. The cancellation has to have stung the Wolfpack, whose goal was to finish with double-digit wins for just the second time.

"Prevention's the best medicine right now," Doeren said then. "Our guys have been through this. They understand how to follow protocols ... to protect the mission. We're here to try to win our 10th game. That's happened one time in school history. There's a lot at stake.

UCLA's football team is the fourth Bruins program sidelined due to COVID-19 issues, joining both basketball programs and gymnastics.

Petco Park had to be modified so a football field would fit. The Holiday Bowl needed a new home after 70,000-seat SDCCU Stadium was razed to make room for San Diego State's new stadium.

Meanwhile, the Big Ten became the latest conference to tweak its forfeit policy, joining the other Power Five conferences, the Big East and most others. The Big Ten said games won't automatically be forfeited if a team or teams are unable to participate due to COVID-19. Instead, games can be rescheduled, declared a no contest or a forfeiture.

The Atlantic 10 also revised its COVID-19 forfeit policy. The A-10 medical advisory committee will meet Wednesday to review the newest CDC policy reducing the isolation days of asymptomatic vaccinated individuals from 10 to five days.

Several basketball games across the country have been affected.

Indiana canceled its game Wednesday against UNC Asheville. while the Temple-Villanova game scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed. San Diego postponed its home game against No. 4 Gonzaga on Thursday night,

The No. 12 Texas women's game Wednesday night against Alcorn State has been canceled.

GIRLS

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four rebounds, and Syrenia Hardy had three points and three rebounds.

Southwestern, now 4-12 on the season, closed out the tournament later on Wednesday with a final game. The Rebels return to action on Thursday, Jan. 6 when they travel to Austin.

TRIMBLE BOYS LOSE TO BROSSART

Trimble County boys basketball dropped a 75-41 decision to Bishop Brossart in the opening game of the Henry County Invitational on Tuesday.

James Thomas Wilcoxson scored 18 points and had nine rebounds to lead the Raiders while Tate Ogburn scored 12 points, Ethan Horn had eight points and Hunter Kelly scored three.

Trimble, now 4-8 on the season, wrapped up the tournament with a game against Knott County Central on Wednesday. The Raiders open the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Eminence on Monday against Owen County.

CARROLL BOYS FALL TO NELSON

Carroll County boys basketball opened the Fuller Ford Phillip Wood Classic at Pendleton County with a 70-36 loss to Thomas Nelson on Tuesday.

The Panthers, now 0-12 on the season, continued play in the tournament on Wednesday, facing host Pendleton and playing one final game. Carroll next opens up play in the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament against host Eminence on Monday.

CAM FALLS TO KING'S

Christian Academy of Madison boys basketball lost 66-59 to King's Academy in the Columbus Christian Holiday Tournament on Tuesday.

The Defenders, now 6-4 on the season, return to action on Friday, Jan. 7 when they travel to Seven Oaks.

BENCH

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Crothersville (1-7) led 30-20 at halftime after Shawe managed just two free throws in the second quarter and led 37-28 after three quarters. The Tigers still had a 39-30 cushion with 6:17 to play after Adam Turner knocked down a pair of free throws.

Shawe's comeback began with a tough shot by Liu in the lane but the Hilltoppers got points from five different players over the next five minutes. Crothersville, which had hit 14 of its first 15 free throws, assisted with the comeback by missing two of its six free throws in the final two minutes, just enough opening to allow the Hilltoppers to tie the game.

Kahn opened the overtime for Shawe by draining a 3-pointer but Crothersville answered with a basket by Devin Morgan and two free throws from Zachary Helt to re-take the lead, 49-48, with 2:25 left. Sam Fewell then powered his way to the rim for two points and Kahn hit a pair of free throws on the next possession and Shawe never trailed again.

The rest of the game was a free-throw shooting contest in which Shawe came out on top. The Hilltoppers were 7-of-8 at the stripe in the extra session while Crothersville was just 5-of-9 as Shawe claimed its fifth win in the past six games.

Kahn continued his spectacular sophomore season by scoring 28 points to lead Shawe while Liu added a career-high 11 points. Grote finished with eight points and Eli Turner and Fewell each had three.

Helt led Crothersville with 21 points and Morgan added 11.

For Hambrick, just being back on the sidelines was a blessing. The third-year coach, who is vaccinated, was diagnosed with COVID-19 over the Thanksgiving break and eventually spent three days in the hospital. Assistant coach Phil Kahn, a former Shawe head coach, stepped in to run the team in Hambrick's absence and still served as Hambrick's "voice" during Monday's game.

"I didn't make it up and down the sidelines too much tonight. Thank God for Phil. I would tell him the play and he'd yell it out," Hambrick said. "I'm super, super blessed to have my coaching staff and for them to be able to come in and step in. I'm not 100% but it's a good way to come back."

Shawe is now two games over .500 for the first time since the 2014-15 season and has won five games before January for the first time since going 20-4 in 2010-11, Jerry Bomholt's last year as coach. The Hilltoppers return to action with two games in the first week of January, at home against Borden on Tuesday and at Oldenburg Academy on Friday, Jan. 7.

One of a kind

Ohtani wins AP Male Athlete of Year award

BY GREG BEACHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, CALIF.

Most of the time in professional sports, it's easy to think it's all been done before.

With so many fine-tuned athletes constantly pushing each other to the peak of human potential, we can experience unprecedented demonstrations of sporting brilliance every week of our lives. But it's truly rare to witness anything that isn't fundamentally just a better, more prolific version of something we've already seen.

That's why Shohei Ohtani's astonishing redefinition of modern baseball captured the world's attention so vividly in 2021 — and that's why the Los Angeles Angels' two-way superstar is the winner of The Associated Press' Male Athlete of the Year award.

The unanimous American League MVP put together a season with no analogue in the past century of his sport. Almost no one had been an everyday two-way player for many decades — and nobody has been both one of baseball's top power hitters and one of its best starting pitchers since Babe Ruth starred at the plate and on the mound for the Boston Red Sox in 1919.

"He's doing something we haven't seen in our lifetimes, but he's also doing it at the very highest level of hitting and pitching," Angels manager Joe Maddon said late in the regular season. "He's doing more than other players, but he's also doing it better than almost everybody else on that field, and those are the greatest players in the game, his contemporaries. He's playing their game, but he's also playing a different game."

Ohtani hit 46 homers and drove in 100 runs with a .965 OPS while playing in 126 games as the AL's best designated hitter, as evidenced by his Silver Slugger award. He finished third in the majors in homers after leading the sport for much of the season.

Ohtani also started 23 games on the mound, going 9-2 with a 3.18 ERA and 156 strikeouts over 130 1/3 innings as the Angels' ace and one of the AL's top right-handers. He has a 100-mph fastball, but his splitter might be the best pitch in baseball, with movement that resembles a ball rolling off the edge of a table.

The 6-foot-4 star also was among the fastest baserunners in the majors while stealing 26 bases and scoring 103 runs. He even led the league with eight triples — and he also played a little outfield when asked.

Any one of these achievements would be impressive for a 27-year-old hitting his prime in his fourth season since moving from Japan to the major leagues.

Doing it all at the same time is something that almost nobody who's currently alive had ever seen.

Ohtani kept baseball's historians and statheads metaphorically buried up to their eyes in dusty record books all summer as they dug into the early 20th century annals to identify the last players to accomplish the statistical superlatives Ohtani was currently blazing past.

Mike Trout, Ohtani's three-time AL MVP teammate, called Ohtani's season "nothing short of electric."

"At times, I felt like I was back in Little League," Trout added. "To watch a player throw eight innings, hit a home run, steal a base and then go play right field was incredible."

Fans across the world agreed: Despite his soft-spoken personality and single-minded focus on his sport, Ohtani has become an icon wherever baseball is played and a known figure even beyond the game's traditional borders.

"I've never seen fans get to ballparks so early and stay to the end," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said in July. "That's what he's bringing to the equation. I love it. Seems like every pitch when he's at the plate, you can hear the oohs and aahs. I think it's great for baseball."

Ohtani's success not only commanded fans' attention on both sides of the Pacific, but also reignited a debate long considered finished about the merits of sports specialization in a country where young athletes are often encouraged to stop competing in multiple disciplines even before they reach their teens. Nobody currently has Ohtani's overall talents, but big-league teams are increasingly open to the possibility of two-way contributors across their organizations.

Ohtani lives a quiet life in both Anaheim and Japan, but he is unfailingly gracious when lauded for his unique achievements. Sometimes he seems just as surprised by his multifaceted success as the rest of the world, while at other times he expresses the quiet confidence necessary to do such a thing in the first place.

"I'm a student of the game, so I do feel like I need to grow every year, and I think I've been able to do that," Ohtani said through his interpreter and constant companion, Ippei Mizuhara.

Ohtani's achievements are even more impressive because they've happened with the Angels, arguably the majors' most disappointing franchise of the last half-decade despite their hefty payroll and elite talent in sunny Southern California.

With Trout missing nearly the entire season due to injury, Los Angeles won only 77 games despite Ohtani's Herculean efforts, missing the playoffs for the seventh straight year and posting their sixth straight losing record. Ohtani accomplished his feats at the plate with an often terrible lineup protecting him in the batting order.

Better times seem possible for the revamped Angels in 2022, and Ohtani says his biggest goal is winning in his next two years with the club. No matter what his future holds, Ohtani will always be remembered for a 2021 season that blew the sports world's collective mind.

"Just a fabulous, fabulous year," Maddon said. "There's only one person that can duplicate it. That would be him."

Receivers enjoy big Week 16

BY JOSH DUBOW
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This season has been another banner year for wide receivers, with several hitting milestones in Week 16.

Cooper Kupp, Justin Jefferson, Antonio Brown, Keenan Allen and rookie Amon-Ra St. Brown are among the receivers who reached memorable marks this week.

Kupp had 10 receptions for 109 yards for the Rams in a win at Minnesota for his record 14th game this season with at least 90 yards receiving, breaking the mark held by Brown (2014) and Michael Irvin (1995).

Kupp's 132 receptions are the fifth-most ever and he needs 18 in the final two games to break Michael Thomas' record of 149 set in a 16-game season in 2019.

Jefferson had eight catches for 116 yards in that same game, giving him 2,851 yards receiving in his two-year career. That breaks the mark of 2,755 set by Odell Beckham Jr. from 2014-15.

Brown had 10 catches for 101 yards in Tampa Bay's win over Carolina for his record 23rd game with double-digit catches, breaking Andre Johnson's career record.

St. Brown had nine catches for 91 yards and one TD, joining Beckham as the only rookies to have at least eight catches in four straight games.

Keenan Allen of the Chargers had four catches to give him 96 on the season for his fifth straight year with at least 95. The only other player to do that was Brown, who did it six years in a row from 2013-18.

Cincinnati's dynamic duo of rookie Ja'Marr Chase and second-year star Tee Higgins also became the first set of teammates age 23 or younger to each record at least 1,000 yards receiving in the same season.

Led by Jefferson, Higgins and Dallas' CeeDee Lamb, wide receivers from the 2020 draft class have combined for 13,505 yards receiving this season, the most ever for one draft class in one season, topping the 13,333 from the 1996 class in 1999.

Another pass catcher also got into the mix, with Atlanta rookie tight end Kyle Pitts recording six catches for 102 yards in a win over Detroit. Pitts' 949 yards receiving are the second-most for a rookie tight end, trailing only Mike Ditka's 1,076 in 1961.

Top rookies propel their teams

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
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DENVER — After a recent road win by the Dallas Cowboys, receiver Simi Fehoko tweeted, "Just trying to find my seat on the plane and was sacked by Micah. ... Nobody is safe."

Everybody seems to have their head on a swivel for rookie linebacker Micah Parsons.

The do-it-all defender combines a rare versatility — he lines up at linebacker, defensive end and even over center — with a dogged determination as he chases down quarterbacks, ball carriers, rookie records, the playoffs, NFL honors and even history.

Parsons' 13 sacks are 1½ shy of the rookie record set by Jevon Kearse of the Tennessee Titans in 1999. Parsons is already the first rookie in 15 years to get a dozen sacks and three forced fumbles. And with 79 tackles so far, he has an outside chance of getting triple-digit tackles to go with his double-digit sacks.

Better are the odds that he'll become the first player in 40 years to sweep the league's two biggest defensive awards, player and rookie of the year. The previous to do that was Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor in 1981.

"I will say it's hard to have expected what No. 11 is doing in terms of doing all the things that he's asked to do, whether it's make great plays in coverage, whether it's make plays on the quarterback from the blitzing spot, whether it's a natural pass rusher, whether it's just running plays down sideline to sideline," Cowboys executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said on his radio show. "Who could have ever thought that he could digest all of that and be able to line up at all those different positions and get it done?"

Parsons, that's who.

Early glimpses of his ambition came through during HBO's "Hard Knocks" series from training camp. Parsons begged to get back into preseason games, and wasn't happy when he didn't. He told an assistant coach, "The lion is always hungry," and has since trademarked that unexpected catchphrase.

After allowing a franchise-high 29.5 points a game last year, the Cowboys are allowing just 19.5 points per game, and Parsons is the biggest reason for that dramatic drop.

Lakers end 5-game skid; James, Westbrook have triple-doubles

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — LeBron James and Russell Westbrook both had triple-doubles and the Los Angeles Lakers snapped a season-high, five-game skid with a 132-123 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

James had 32 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his third triple-double this season. Westbrook scored 24 points with 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his seventh of the season.

Houston stuck around for most of the night, but James took over late to allow the Lakers to pull away and hand the Rockets their fifth consecutive loss.

Jalen Green, the second overall pick in this year's draft, led the Rockets with 24 points after missing 15 of the last 16 games with a strained left hamstring.

NUGGETS 89, WARRIORS 86

SAN FRANCISCO — Stephen Curry became the first player in NBA history to make 3,000 career 3-pointers in a game where Denver barely held off NBA-leading Golden State.

Denver's Nikola Jokic blocked a potential game-tying shot by Jonathan Kuminga in the final seconds to preserve the win after his team nearly blew a 24-point halftime lead. The Warriors got one more chance to tie the game, but Andre Iguodala missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Jokic had 22 points, 18 rebounds, five assists and four steals to lead the Nuggets, while Will Barton added 21 points.

Andrew Wiggins had 21 points and eight rebounds for Golden State in his first game back from the league's COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Curry, who scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half, made a corner 3-pointer late in the third quarter to give him 157 consecutive games with a 3-point field goal. It ties his own NBA record, which he set from 2014-16.

PELICANS 108, CAVALIERS 104

NEW ORLEANS — Garrett Temple nailed four 3-pointers in a 3:50 span of the fourth quarter and rookie Herb Jones scored a career-high 26 points to lift New Orleans over Cleveland.

The Cavaliers led by as many as 23 points in the first quarter but could not ward off a strong three quarters by the Pelicans.

Ricky Rubio had 27 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists for Cleveland before injuring his left knee on a non-contact stop in the lane with 2:20 left. Rubio had to be carried off the court by teammates.

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0900 LEGALS

Alcohol & Tobacco Commission
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Alcohol Beverage Board of Jefferson County, Indiana will hold a public hearing at 1:00 pm on January 10, 2022 at
the Jefferson Co. Courthouse, 300 E Main, Commissioner's Room, in the city of Madison in said county, to investigate
the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:
DL3904619 Beer Wine & Liquor Package Store RENEWAL
J T D INC 2404 MICHIGAN RD Madison IN
D/B/A CORK N BOTTLE
THOMAS A MEISTER 586 E ST RD 350 Osgood, President
MARLENE K MEISTER 586 E ST RD 350 Osgood, Secretary
RR3935094 Wine Retailer Restaurant RENEWAL
Maple Sushi, LLC 630 Clifty Drive Madison IN
D/B/A Sushi Bar
RR3937126 Beer Wine & Liquor Restaurant (210) RENEWAL
City of Madison, Indiana 2136 Michigan Road Madison IN
D/B/A Sunrise Golf Course
RR3938212 Wine Retailer Restaurant NEW
THREE KOERNERS, LLC 2034 LANIER DR. Madison IN
D/B/A Brittany's Brick Oven Pizza
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-1906-MF-00568, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-8 was Plaintiff, and Paul Hatfield, AKA Paul D. Hatfield was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 27th day of January, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 317 S. Walnut Street Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
Lot Number Three (3) of Telegraph Hill Subdivision, Madison Township, a subdivision recorded October 13, 1988, in Plat Book 2, Page 161 in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana.
Including that manufactured home more specifically described as: Vehicle Identification: 11989452450AB, Year: 1998, Make INF, Model: NA, Body Style: MH, Purchase Date: 05/27/04, Issue Date: 06/03/04, Odometer: EXEMPT.
More commonly known as: 1863 East Telegraph Hill Road, Madison, IN 47250 Parcel No. 39-08-36-111-003.000-006
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.
"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 39C01-1906-MF-00568 in the Circuit Court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana."
Attorney for Plaintiff: Nicholas M. Smith
ATTORNEY NO. 31800-15
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Sheriff of Jefferson County
Madison Township
1863 East Telegraph Hill Road
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
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0900 LEGALS

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson County Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the county council meet at 620 Green Road the EMA Building at 5;00 p.m. Date 1-11-22 will consider the following for the current year
Fund 1140
Cum Courthouse
Additional $8,000
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance Department.
/s/Heather Huff
Jefferson County, Auditor
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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE TIPPECANOE SUPERIOR COURT 3
SS:
COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE
CAUSE NUMBER: 79D03-2110-JC-000174
IN THE MATTER OF:
XLN - DOB 10/22/2021
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
RACHEL ANN NICE (MOTHER)
TRENT ALAN NICE (FATHER)
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING
TO: Trent Alan Nice
Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Tippecanoe Superior Court 3, 301 Main Street, Lafayette, IN 47901, 765-423-9295 for a(n) Initial Hearing on Publication on 2/16/2022 at 2:30 PM, Fact Finding Hearing on 2/16/2022 at 2:30 PM and Disposition Hearing on 2/16/2022 at 2:30 PM At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.
UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.
/s/Julie Roush
Juvenile Court Clerk
Kristy Streetman, 34436-13
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
c/o DCS Attorney
Lafayette, IN
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STATE OF INDIANA)
)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
2021 TERM
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF) ESTATE DOCKET NUMBER
MARGARET J. IMEL,) 39C01-2111-EU-000092
DECEASED.)
JEFFREY A. FLORES, 112 E. Third Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, ATTORNEY
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET J. IMEL, DECEASED.
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2111-EU-000092
Notice is hereby given that Larry H. Hammons, on the 22nd day of November 2021 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret J. Imel, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November 2021.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 22nd day of November 2021.
/s/
CLERK of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that Jefferson County, by and through its Board of County Commissioners,
will receive sealed bids for the construction of:
JEFFERSON COUNTY SMALL STRUCTURE, REHABILITATION DOE RUN ROAD OVER DOE RUN
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
Sealed proposals will be received at the Jefferson County Commissioner's office, 300 E Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250 by 5:00 P.M. (local time) on January 20, 2022. All proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud during the County Commissioner's meeting, which begins at 5:00
P.M. {local time). Any proposals received after the above-designated time will be returned unopened.
The proposed construction will include removal of the existing small structure superstructure, widening of one of the existing abutments, construction of a new abutment, installation of a side-by-side box beam superstructure (reusing beams from another structure) with an asphalt overlay and waterproofing membrane, limited approach roadway reconstruction; and all incidental work required, as more fully specified in the Contract Document and Plans.
All proposals must be submitted on State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 together with the proper forms included in the Contract Documents, the entire set of which shall be filed intact as a bid.
The Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file in the office of the Jefferson County Highway Department, 3135 Clifty Drive, Madison, IN 47250 for review only. Plans & Specifications are also on file and may be examined at:
Dodge www.construction.com
Indiana Square Foot www.isgft.com
LeadManager+ www.cdcnews.com/bidtool-lmp
Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the design engineer: **USI Consultants, Inc., 8415 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46216**. A non-returnable fee of one-hundred dollars ($100.00) will be charged for each set desired and will be shipped via UPS, if so requested, for no additional fee. Plans and Contract Documents can also be provided via USI's file share system in PDF format at no charge. Checks for hard copy sets shall be made payable to **USI Consultants, Inc**. Prospective Bidders can email John Handke, PE, Project Manager at jhandke@usiconsultants.com or call (317) 544-4996 to request plans. Prospective bidders must be listed on the Plan holder's List to be eligible to bid on this contract. Purchasing the hard copy sets or emailing for the digital copy will place a bidder on the Plan holder's List.
SECURITY: Any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal **MUST** file with their bid a **CERTIFIED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** issued by a financial institution insured by an agency of the United States in the amount of ten percent (10%), made payable to the Treasurer of Jefferson County. In lieu of the above, any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal and has a principal place of business in the State of Indiana MAY file with their proposal a **BID BOND** in the amount of ten percent (10%), made payable to the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County.
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Proposals may be held by the Board of Commissioners for a period not to exceed sixty {60) calendar days from the public opening.
The successful Contractor will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent {100%) of the contract price, each, within ten {10) days after award of the contract and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the contract price prior to completion and final payment of the contract .
No Contractor may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof .
The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. In comparing bids, consideration will not be confined to price only. The successful bid will be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, however the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any proposal, to waive technical ities or irregularities therein, to delete any bid item or items and to award a contract on the proposal that in their judgment is most advantageous to Jefferson County.
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THURSDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	Sheldon	United-	Ghosts	B Posi	Bull CC		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	WLWT	Holly	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Zo	ET	iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 1				News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	Bearcats Drive		★★★ "Frozen" (2013) CC				Home	Home	News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	★★★ "Frozen" (2013) CC				Home	Home	News
15 WKPC	13		KY Life	News	PBS NewsHour		Antiques		Doc Martin CC		Father Brown		World
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	Playoff Prowl		Kat	Kat	FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Sheldon	United-	Ghosts	B Posi	Bull CC		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Mod	Last	Sheldon	Theory	iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 1				Theory	Sheldon	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	Burgers	The-	Kat	Kat	WDRB News		News
A&E	28	36	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		(:01) The First 48		First 48
AMC	29	26	"Armageddon"		★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. CC						★★★ "Tombstone" (1993)		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Homestead		Homestead		Homestead Rescue CC				(:03) Homestead Rescue		
DISN	25	29	Jessie	Jessie	Holly H.	Holly H.	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Lady
ESPN	32	44	Football	Football	(:10) Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Pittsburgh vs Michigan State. (N)							College Football	
FREE	18	40	"Just	★★ "The Other Woman" (2014) CC					★★★ "Ready or Not" (2019) CC				700
FX	40	28	"Spider-Man"		★★★ "Spider-Man: Far From Home" (2019) CC						"Spider-Man: Far Home"		
HBO	201	17	Mur	REAL Sports		How to	★ "R.I.P.D." (2013)			Landscapers		Inse	Inse
MAX	270	73	"Amity	(:27) "Sunshine Cleaning"			★★ "Hellbenders" (2012)		(:27) ★★ "The Relic" (1997)				
PARMT	35	41	Yel	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		★★ "Ronin" (1998) Premiere.			
SHOW	221	16	"Four Brothers"		(:15) ★★★ "The Guest" (2014)				Dexter: New		★★★ "Zola" (2020)		
TMC	233	74	"Close Encounters"				"The War With Grandpa"			(:35) "Senior Moment"			"Quee
TNT	27	43	Bones CC		Bones CC		★★★ "Black Panther" (2018) CC (DVS)					"Ghost Rider"	
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		★★★ "Knives Out" (2019) Daniel Craig. Premiere.						Last
WGN-A	20	20	Donlon Report		On Balance		Dan Abrams		NewsNation		Banfield (N) CC		Balance

FRIDAY EVENING

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3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	2021: It's Toast! (N) CC				TBA	New Year's	
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash (N) CC						News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	WLWT	Holly	2021: It's Toast! (N) CC				News	New Year's	
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2				News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	Bearcats Drive		Dick Clark's Primetime				Dick Clark's		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	Citrus Bowl		Dick Clark's Primetime				Dick Clark's		News
15 WKPC	13		Health	News	PBS NewsHour		Com	Wash	United in Song			Performances	
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	Fox's New Year's Eve				FOX19		New
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash (N) CC						News
34 WBKI	7	7	Mod	Last	Sheldon	Theory	iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2				Theory	Sheldon	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	Fox's New Year's Eve				WDRB News		New
A&E	28	36	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		(:01) The First 48		First 48
AMC	29	26	"Ghost	(:45) ★★ "Police Academy" (1984) CC					★★ "Caddyshack" (1980) CC				"Grea
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Mystery		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush Fred kicks off his week of sluicing. CC						Gold
DISN	25	29	Jessie	Jessie	Holly H.	Holly H.	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd CC		TBA		Liv-
ESPN	32	44	CFP Semifinal		Pre		CFP Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl						SportC
FREE	18	40	"Pirates of the Caribbean: End"				★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides"						700
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★ "Baywatch" (2017)				★★ "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw"						"Fu
HBO	201	17	(4:59) "In the Heights"				(:24) ★★ "Wonder Woman 1984" (2020)				How to	Chillin	How to
MAX	270	73	"Red	★ "The Comebacks"			★★ "This Is 40" (2012) Paul Rudd.				"2 Minutes of Fame"		
PARMT	35	41	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		(:03) Yellowstone		Yellowstone		★★ "Midway" (2019)		
SHOW	221	16	Yellowjackets		Yellowjackets		Yellowjackets		Black Famous		Boxing	"Death Proof"	
TMC	233	74	★★ "The Yards" (2000) CC				★★★ "The Big Lebowski" (1998)				★★★ "Pleasantville"		
TNT	27	43	"Guardians 2"		★★★ "Black Panther" (2018) Chadwick Boseman.						All, Rampage		"Ro
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law-
WGN-A	20	20	Donlon Report		On Balance		Dan Abrams		NewsNation		Banfield (N) CC		Balance

animal
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by Luis Campos

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"F RFRA'D BM DM JAFICVKFDN, TAR KM, CICVN DFGC DUTD F XMVL, F'G HMMLFAB PMV T DCTYUCV FA T XTN." — RFCBM HJAT

Previous Solution: "The dream for any parent is you want to raise happy, healthy, responsible, compassionate, kind kids." — Gayle King

TODAY'S CLUE: C = y

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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	2	6	7	1	5	8	4	3
4	5	1	6	3	8	7	9	2
3	7	8	2	4	9	6	1	5
1	6	4	5	2	3	9	8	7
7	8	3	1	9	4	2	5	6
5	9	2	8	6	7	4	3	1
6	4	5	9	7	1	3	2	8
8	3	7	4	5	2	1	6	9
2	1	9	3	8	6	5	7	4

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"GTGHP HGZRHY A'TG YRCG VBX MGGC YRCG DAKV KVG XBUG BURLCK RO ZBHG, BCSLAXV, JBAC, XLOOGHACS BCY FRP." — JBKKA XUAKV

Previous Solution: "I didn't go to university, and so, every time that I work, I'm looking for a teacher in a way." — Diego Luna

TODAY'S CLUE: F = u

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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7	8	9	5	2	1	4	6	3
4	2	1	6	8	3	9	7	5
6	5	3	9	4	7	1	2	8
2	9	6	1	3	5	7	8	4
3	1	8	7	6	4	5	9	2
5	7	4	8	9	2	6	3	1

ACROSS

1 Bungalow
7 Stocky horse
10 Cross the creek
14 Comparison-shops
15 Literary miscellany
16 Mighty — — oak
17 Matures
18 Like Capp's Abner
19 Lemon peel
20 Diversified company
23 Vows venue
26 Moved quickly
27 Ate elegantly
28 Bound
29 Distress message
30 Fuss
31 Tentacle
32 Plato's H
33 Looked smug
37 Curly's friend
38 Poetic adverb
39 — kwon do
40 Malt brew
41 Shellfish
43 Hosp. workers
44 Lobster trap
45 That boy
46 Deep water
47 Easy mark
48 Plains drifters
51 Fleece giver
52 Unit of length
53 Installment into office
56 Respiratory organ
57 Sheep
58 More baggy
62 Kin's partner
63 Venomous reptile
64 Tycoon's home
65 Pronto on "ER"
66 French article
67 Put in a lawn

DOWN

1 ER practice
2 "Exodus" character
3 Use a straw
4 Polar buildup (2 wds.)
5 Male voice
6 Part of PGA
7 Showy lilies
8 Stew ingredient
9 Salve
10 Samurai
11 Type of pear
12 Beatrice's admirer
13 Concluded
21 Reacts to a pun
22 Vortexes
23 Texas tourist site
24 Film director Mervyn —
25 Domesticates
29 Hail bringer
30 Fridge maker
32 Watching
33 Lane
34 Not working
35 Wed in secret
36 Hinder
42 Idea
46 Overloads
47 Signify
48 Cons
49 Native Canadian
50 — Cruz
51 Wipe out data
52 Big deer
54 Mountains or river
55 Cousteau's islands
59 Melancholy
60 Summer, in France
61 Alert color

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

D	A	M	P	■	E	P	O	C	H	■	A	K	I	N
A	L	A	S	■	R	A	T	I	O	■	F	U	S	E
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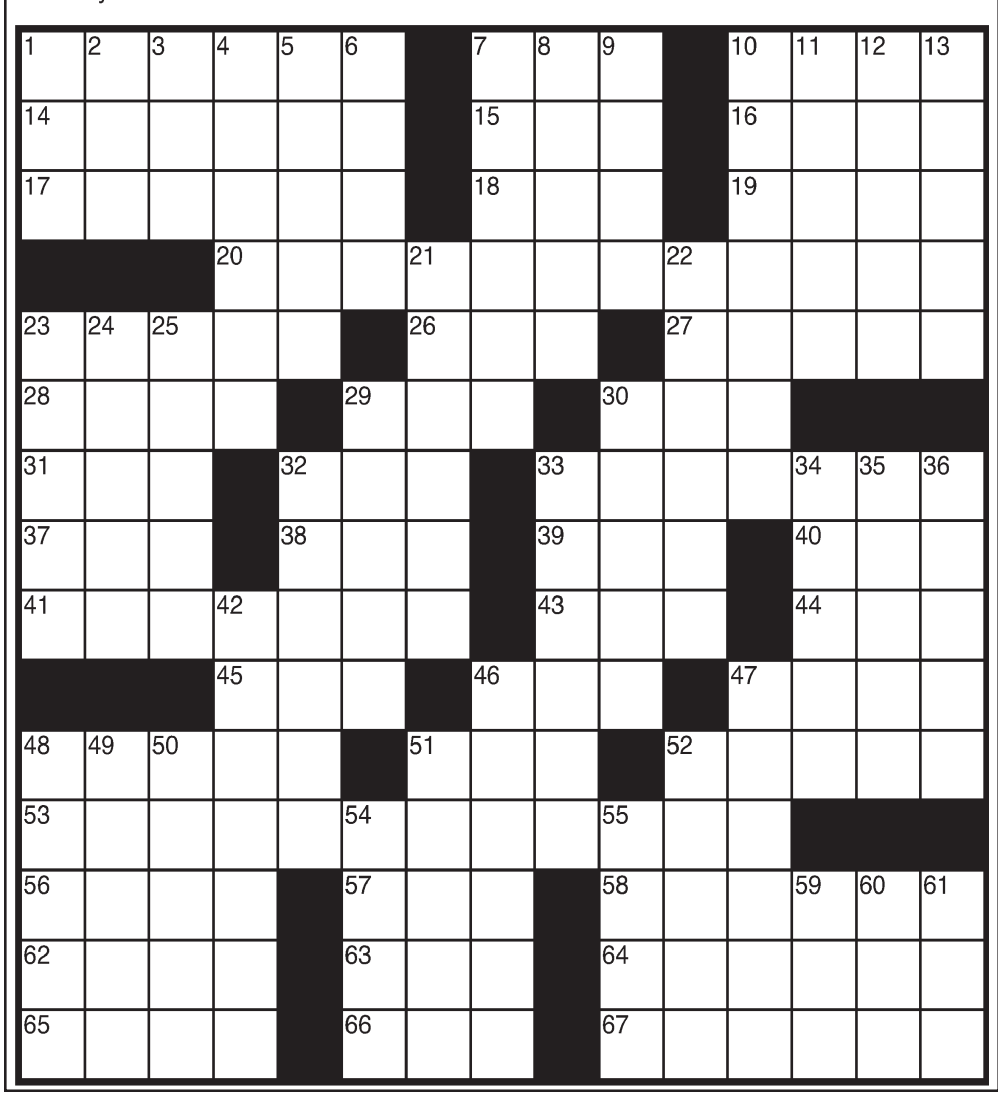

ACROSS

1 Bracelet dangler
6 Fierce whale
10 Calf's bellow
14 Calf-roping event
15 Diving bird
16 Han Solo's love
17 Circumvent
18 QB — Flutie
19 Karachi language
20 Gull's cousin
21 Made less complex
23 Raise
25 Draws a conclusion
26 Former Miss America host
27 Horse's ankles
29 Go below freezing
32 Early VCRs
33 Old French coin
36 Send packing
37 Travel choice
38 Knife handle
39 Flightless bird
40 Gets dirty
41 Montana city
42 Quiets
43 — de guerre
44 Niche
47 Hassock
51 Nonsense
54 See red
55 Produced offspring
56 Jean Auel heroine
57 "Golden —"
58 Watermelon shape
59 Wood for shipbuilding
60 Cravat cousin
61 Weight deduction
62 Millay or Ferber
63 Uses the overhead

DOWN

1 Wooden case
2 Mean dwelling
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6 Beach Boys tune
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9 Like Desmond Tutu
10 Poker ploys
11 Craggy abode
12 More spacious
13 Heaps kudos on
21 Hog's abode
22 Readies the press
24 Elev.
27 Makes healthy again
28 Redding of blues
29 Attacker
30 Jamaican export
31 Stillwater sch.
32 Cup lip
33 Practiced Zen
34 Many times
35 Versatile vehicle
37 Put up with
38 Joke teller
40 Keep for later
41 Plant sci.
42 Pamper
43 Extreme degree
44 Monastery head
45 Cocoon dweller
46 Unmuddled
47 Port near Kyoto
48 A Polo
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NHL players angry about Olympics ban

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Brad Marchand is not happy. Neither is Vladimir Tarasenko. And they are not alone.

A handful of NHL players are voicing their frustration over the league's decision barring them from participating in the Winter Olympics in China in February. Even though the agreement between the league and NHL Players' Association was contingent on pandemic conditions not worsening and disrupting the season, many say they are upset they were never given the choice to go.

Marchand, Boston's top left winger who would have been a shoo-in for Canada's Olympic roster, ripped the league and union for bringing back taxi squads to keep the season going but not to push through February with he and others given the option to go to Beijing.

"For all of you who want to pipe back about forfeiting pay while being gone, (yeah) not a problem," Marchand said in a lengthy Twitter post. "Let the players make their choice."

Letting players make individual choices to leave their NHL teams for the Olympics was never on the table. The possibility broached by Marchand and Tarasenko is more like soccer, which allows players to be loaned to national teams for international competition.

Tarasenko would have been one of Russia's top forwards at the Olympics and said he would have left the St. Louis Blues to represent his country if given the choice.

"Of course," he said. "You would be surprised how many people choose to go."

Alex Ovechkin said he wanted to go to the South Korea Games in 2018 even if the NHL did not participate. The Washington Capitals captain relented before training camp in 2017, with he and other players begrudgingly accepting the Olympics would go on without them and hoping 2022 would be different.

A second consecutive Olympic Games without the NHL has some looking back with sharper anger to 2018, when the International Olympic Committee would not pay for travel and insurance costs as it did five times from 1998-2014. Tampa Bay Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said players were "robbed" of the chance four years ago.

"Obviously this year with what's going on in the world, it's a little more understandable," Stamkos said. "But the last Olympics where we weren't able to go because of different issues with the NHL, now it just stings even more knowing that for some of the older guys, this is probably their last chance."

This was probably the last chance for Stamkos, teammate Victor Hedman and a generation of NHL players. And while the extension of the collective bargaining agreement includes a provision for the 2026 Olympics in Milan and Cortina, this year has shown there should be only pessimism and doubt until the puck is actually dropped at the Olympics with NHL players there.

With the next Olympics more than four years away, what about another World Cup of Hockey like in 2016? Marchand's teammate, Taylor Hall, is in favor of that.

"Going forward I'd like to see a World Cup format again and try and make that just as important as the Olympics in people's minds," Hall said.

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